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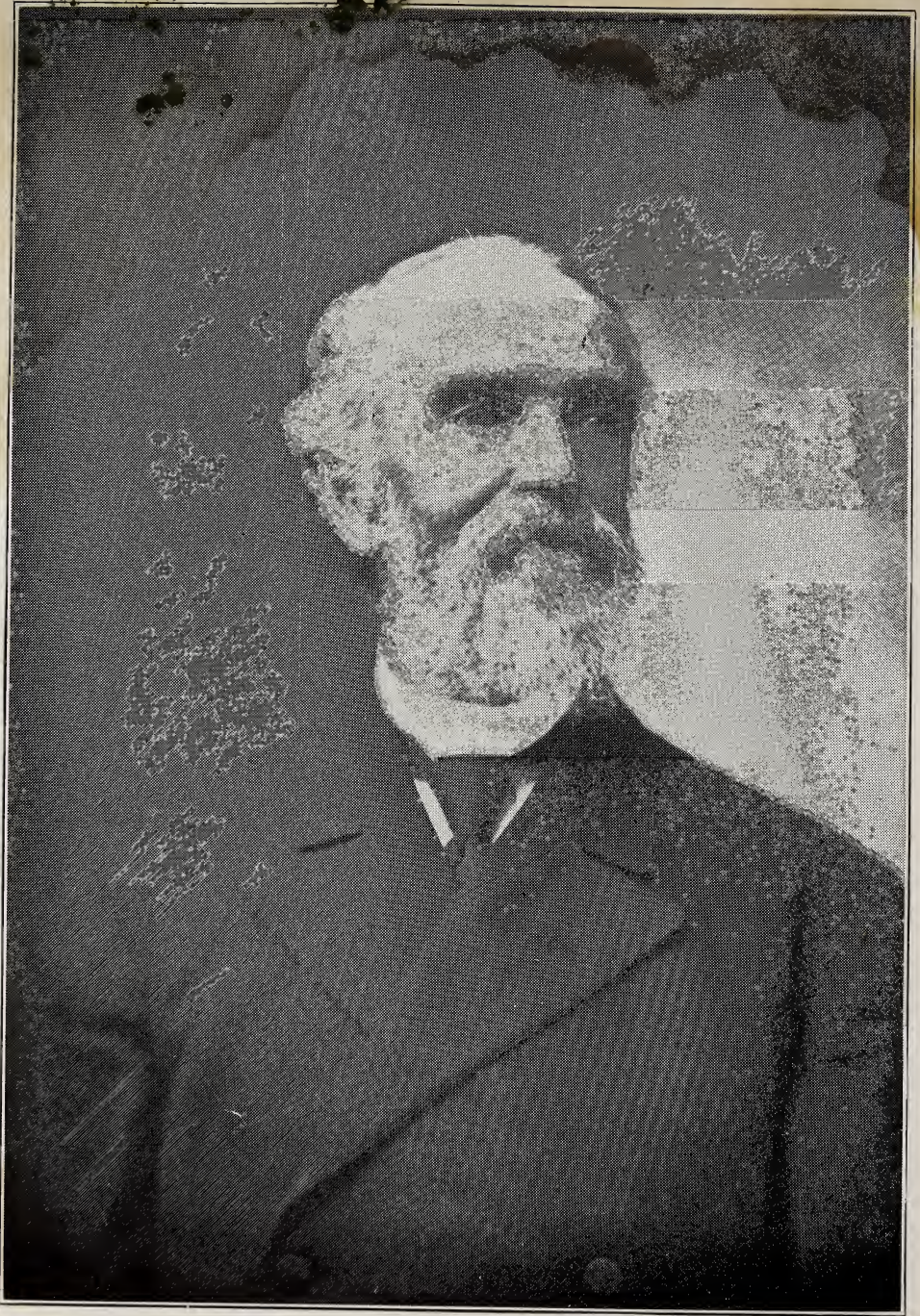
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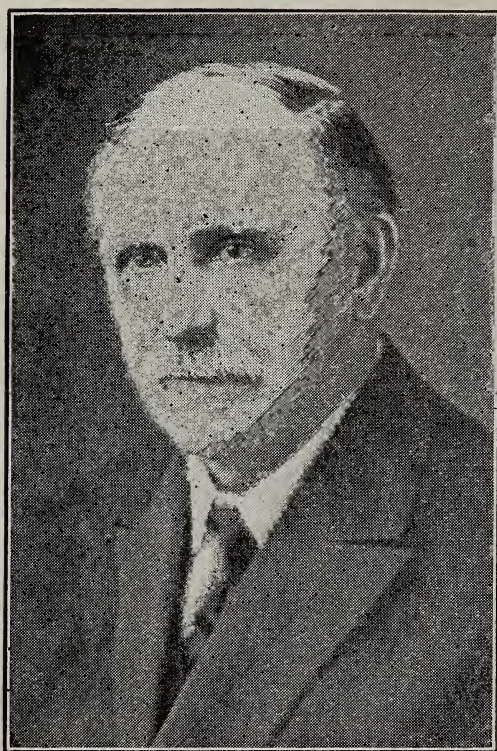
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Hartford—H. Tranter.
Home Avenue—E. Michael.
Miami—H. G. Zehner.
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Eaton—G. F. Griffis.
Eldorado—L. Studebaker.
Englewood—L. A. Albert.
Germantown—R. Henry.
Greenville—H. A. Pearce.
*Hamilton—F. Yingling.
*Harrison—C. Brehm.
Ithica—D. Lytton.
Kingsville—Miss N. M. Wright.
Lewisburg—F. C. Barber.
*Liberty—N. Mayne.
Lockington—H. Coil.
Miamisburg—O. Joy.
Middletown—H. O. Weisel.
Millville—F. Dillman.
*Mt. Healthy—J. Shaffer.

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New Hope—J. A. Benson
North Bend—W. L. Doty.
Newport—D. L. Winston.
New Haven—J. L. Wakefield.
*New Madison—E. E. Lowrey.
Otterbein—C. McLearn.
Pyrmont—U. Drayer.
Piqua—O. Snipp.
*Rossburg—A. L. Detrick.
Rosewood—A. B. Bereker.
Salem—Wm. Binkley.
Savona—W. O. Small.
Springfield—P. R. Yeasel.
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Waterhouse—Milo Barr.
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*West Elkton—Harry Judy.
Willey Mem.—W. Bower.
*Yorkshire—E. Hess.
Otterbein Home—Silas Nicholas.
*Norwood—J. Heffelfinger.

*Absent.

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APPOINTMENTS, WITH MEMBERSHIP OF EACH

Arcanum, 382, G. T. Powell, pastor.

Bowlusville, 42, C. Haerr, pastor.

Boardshear, 79, O. F. Bilger, pastor.

Beavertown, 151, J. A. Albright, pastor.

Brookville, 309; Antioch, 147, E. E. Saul, pastor.

Cincinnati—

Willey Memorial, 110, W. H. Klinefelter, pastor.

Cherry Grove, 180; Five Mile, 61; Pleasant Valley, 51; E. C. Cool, pastor.

Colerain, Bevis, 65; Mt. Airy, 60; Georgetown, 39, J. H. Mayne, pastor.

Clifton, 157, Calvin McNelly, pastor.

College Hill, 83, L. Martin, pastor.

Cheviot, 48, E. S. Comrey, pastor.

Dayton—

First Church, 720, J. G. Huber, pastor.

High Street, 256, U. B. Brubaker, pastor.

Oak Street, 602, Ira Warner, pastor.

Cowden Memorial, 396, J. H. Dutton, pastor.

East Dayton, 366, S. E. Rasey, pastor.

Hartford Street, 424, W. C. Niswonger, pastor.

Home Avenue, 350, J. W. Flory, pastor.

Euclid Avenue, 707, A. R. Clippinger, pastor.

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Belmont, 202, G. R. Strayer, pastor.

Fairview, 157, G. F. Bauer, pastor.

Troy Street, 204, B. F. Farris, pastor.

Carrmonte, 640, F. Bilger, pastor.

Kingsville, 35, C. E. Rettew, pastor.

Ft. McKinley, 66, C. E. Hetzler, pastor.

Eaton, 295, D. R. Wilson, pastor.

Eldorado, 128; Castine, 135; West Manchester, 98; E. S. Weimer, pastor.

Englewood, 76, W. H. Smelker, pastor.

Greenville, 321, W. M. VanSickle, pastor.

Germantown, 453, J. E. Yingling, pastor.

Hamilton, 153, J. W. Kilbourn, pastor.

Harrison, 39; Rockdale, 76; New Baltimore, 68; Otwell, 12, Walter Van Saun, pastor.

Ithaca, 239; West Baltimore, 182; West Sonora, 73; M. I. Comfort, pastor.

Lewisburg, 303, W. T. Frank, pastor.

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- Liberty, 159; Twin, 91; Farmersville, 133; Johnsville, 165; J. A. Pantle, pastor.
- Lockington, 202; Bunkerhill, 36; Hopewell, 32; New Hope, 65; Kirkwood, 30; Call Kurtz, pastor.
- Miamisburg, 242; W. I. Underwood, pastor.
- Middletown, 375, J. M. Replogle, pastor.
- Millville, 96; Norman Bevis, pastor.
- Mt. Healthy, 135; R. M. Fox, pastor.
- New Haven, 281, O. D. Wellbaum, pastor.
- New Madison, 197; Yankeetown, 101, F. H. Bohn, pastor.
- New Hope, 118; Pleasant Hill, 132, E. P. Huddle, pastor.
- Newport, 146, G. A. Wahl, pastor.
- North Bend, 193; Zion, 93, W. C. Andreas, pastor.
- Otterbein, 206, A. Barnhardt, pastor.
- Otterbein Home, 32; J. R. King, pastor.
- Pyrmont, 114, J. A. Armstrong, pastor.
- Piqua, 388, C. B. Boda, pastor.
- Potsdam, 131, W. H. Smelker, pastor.
- Rosburg, 71; Heistand, 48; New Weston, 52; Rose Hill, 31; Zion, 52, C. Plack, pastor.
- Rosewood, 205; Union, 67; Salem, 67, M. F. Hawley, pastor.
- Salem, 157; Arlington, 139; Phillipsburg, 140, Ivory Zimmerman, pastor.
- Savona, 100; Mt. Zion, 51; Cayler Chapel, 111; Abbottsville, 73; Oakland, 25; M. O. Stein, pastor.
- Springfield—
- Lagonda, 445, J. J. Mullaney.
- Columbus Ave., 80, Maud E. Hoyle, pastor.
- Sulphur Grove, 88, W. G. Shaffer, pastor.
- Springboro, 55; Norman Bevis, pastor.
- Utica, 44; Oregonia, 41; Norman Bevis, pastor.
- Union City, 418, C. W. Stephens, pastor.
- Union Circuit, Union, 91; Pleasant Ridge, 116; Jacksonburg, 35, Frank Johannes, pastor.
- Vandalia, 201; Ginghamburg, 112, A. E. Bittner, pastor.
- Waterhouse, 102; Hill Grove, 66; Pleasant Grove, 40; Virgil Mayne, pastor.
- West Elkton, 104; Greenbush, 57; Brown's Run, 116; State Road, 100, C. W. Snyder, pastor.
- Wagner, 57; George Deck, Aley, 47, V. M. Thompson, pastor.
- Yorkshire, 21, J. A. Armstrong, pastor.

IN MEMORIAM

The following list includes all the deceased members of Miami Annual Conference of whom mention is made in Conference minutes. It is greatly to be regretted that greater care has not been observed in the preparation of the memoirs. In many cases the mere FACT of death ONLY is recorded.

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"They may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

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WILLIAM P. SMITH	1816
FREDERICK KLINGER	1823
ABRAHAM PONSLER	1824
JOHN GEORGE PFRIMMER	1825
JOHN HARVEY	1828
THOMAS HAINES	1828
JACOB MAHAN	1829
ARCHIBOLD E. MICHAEL	1829
PHILIP SAUR	1832
MICHAEL COOVER	1839
GEORGE HOFFMAN	1839
ROBERT DUNCAN	1839
Ex-BISHOP ANDREW ZELLER	1839
JOSEPH H. FRY	1841
WILLIAM OGBORN	1841
PETER BONEBRAKE	1843
JACOB FLICKINGER	1844
CHRISTIAN SHEARER	1844
ISAAC V. D. ROBERTSON	1846
DAVID KISER	1848
FREDERICK BONEBRAKE	1849
ROBERT A. WHEAT	1850
WILLIAM R. LEWIS	1850
JACOB KEMP, SEN.	1851
Ex-BISHOP HENRY KUMLER	1854
MARTIN BEAM	1855
DANIEL BONEBRAKE	1856
Ex-BISHOP JOSEPH HOFFMAN	1857
CURTIS EDWARDS	1858
JOHN ZELLER	1858
JOHN ALLEN	1859
WILLIAM P. RHINEHART	1861
JACOB ANTRIM	1867
JACOB SURFACE	1861
DANIEL TROYER	1863
SWAIN CORSON	1863
THOMAS SHAIN	1863
DANIEL N. FLEMING	1863
JOHN KEMP, SEN.	1865
JACOB M. MARSHALL	1866
JACOB G. KING	1867
Ex-BISHOP JOHN COONS	1869
JOHN COLEMAN	1871
ELIAS W. HOFFNER	1873
DANIEL ANTRIM	1873
O. SHOOP	1873

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CONRAD BONEBRAKE	1874
JOHN L. HOFFMAN	1875
SIMON GEETING	1875
STEPHEN M. HEARN	1877
WILLIAM NICHOLAS	1878
JACOB KING	1878
JAMES FLEENOR	1879
ADAM HETZLER	1880
JOHN SLIFE	1880
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HENRY HOFFMAN	1884
LUKE E. PIERCE	1884
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JAMES LONG	1888
CHRISTOPHER FLINCHBAUGH	1888
HENRY TOBEY	1889
CHESTER BRIGGS	1890
HENRY SURFACE	1891
JOSEPH GOMER	1892
LAWRENCE BURNS	1894
W. G. WELLS	1896
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JOHN WALTERS	1899
W. R. HOULTON	1899
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J. B. DOUGHMAN	1902
SARAH A. DICKEY	1904
GRANVILLE M. HEMPHILL	1905
CYRUS J. BURKERT	1905
COLUMBUS HALL	1906
WILLIAM McKEE	1907
J. D. HOLTZINGER	1907
J. W. BOVEY	1908
D. MYERS	1908
S. M. HIPPARD	1909
I. L. KEPHART	1909
C. H. SNYDER	1910
F. G. GRIGSBY	1911
HENRY GARST	1911
D. K. FLICKINGER	1911
G. W. ARNOLD	1912
W. K. ALBRIGHT	1914

"Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last.

"Oh, how sweet it will be, in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again."

Conference Proceedings

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

The Conference journal has been carefully examined, and all standing resolutions of special use are incorporated.

Conference of 1875, Miltonville session :

Resolved. That the missionary money appropriated to the different missions in this Conference be paid quarterly, and that no part of it be paid except by order of the Conference Superintendent, and if in the judgment of the quarterly conference the missionary fails to faithfully perform his work it shall be in the power of the next Conference, upon the recommendation of the Conference Superintendent, to withhold any part of the amount appropriated by this Conference.

Conference of 1880, Germantown session :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Conference that hereafter the word "dropped" be applied only to persons who sustain the relation of seekers to the Church and cease to be such in fact, or such as are mentioned in Chapter V.. Section 1. and Clause 3. of Discipline.

Conference of 1882, Dayton First Church session :

Resolved, That the examination in course of reading shall hereafter be conducted in writing.

Conference of 1890, Cherry Grove session :

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Resolved, That the amount appropriated to Conference claimants be *hereafter paid quarterly* by the treasurer.

MISSION CHARGES

Resolved, That the amount received as missionary appropriation by mission charges be added to the amount of salary received on the charge, and be so reported to the Conference chart.

Conference of 1892, Miami Chapel session :

Resolved, That the Conference Superintendent shall be members *ex officio* of the Board of Trustees for mission work within the bounds of the Conference.

Conference of 1908, Union City session :

Resolved. That we continue the minimum salary plan in this Conference; and that appropriations to missions be made at least on the basis of the minimum salary where full time is rendered. All contingencies which may arise shall be referred to the Conference Board of Trustees by the Conference Superintendent for adjustment.

**MUTUAL BENEFICIAL SOCIETY
OF
Miami Annual Conference of the United Brethren
in Christ
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this society shall be the Mutual Beneficial Society of Miami Annual Conference of the United Brethren in Christ.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this society shall be mutual benefit in case of death, as hereinafter stated.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

1. Any minister of Miami Annual Conference may become a member of this society by a vote of the society, and paying to the Secretary one dollar entrance fee, which binds him to pay two dollars for the benefit of the heirs of each and every member on his death; the said two dollars to be paid to the Secretary of this society within thirty days after the date of the notice of the death of the member.

2. Membership in this society must be taken within one year after entering into full, active service in the conference in the case of those coming from their quarterly conferences and those coming from their annual conferences or churches, who have not reached the age of thirty-five years. If membership is not taken within that time, the applicant must pay to the secretary, in addition to the initiation fee, a sum equal to the amount of the annual and mortality dues having accrued to each member of this society since the applicant's first year of service in the Conference. In the case of those coming from other conferences or churches and who are over thirty-five years of age, the applicant must pay to the secretary, in addition to the initiation fee, a sum equal to the amount of the annual and mortality dues having accrued to each member since applicant became thirty-five years of age.

3. The wife of any minister of Miami Conference may become a member of this society, with the same privileges and advantages, upon the same conditions as ministers, provided such wife is in good bodily health at the time of the application.

4. Each member shall pay one dollar annually to the Secretary of the society, said sum to be paid at the annual session of the Conference. The Secretary shall give notice to all members of the time when payment shall become due.

5. Not more than two mortality assessments shall be made per conference year while there is \$1.000 or more in the treasury.

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ARTICLE IV.—BENEFITS.

The amount of two hundred dollars shall be paid on the death of any member of the society, to his wife, or her husband, or if none, then to his or her children, and if neither, then to his or her estate.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Annual Conference.

1. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the society, and shall sign all orders for money to be paid out by the Treasurer and in case of death, resignation, or absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform his duties.

2. The Secretary shall keep a correct account of all the transactions and take charge of all the papers and books of the society. Within ten days after the death of a member he shall notify all surviving members of the date of the death of such member, and also the date on which the obligation of such must be met, and shall countersign all orders for money to be paid out by the Treasurer. He shall also see that each member is provided with a proper certificate of membership, and the amount of benefit due his heirs at his death, and sign said certificate himself, and secure the signature of the President to the same.

3. The Treasurer shall keep safely all money belonging to the society, and shall disburse the same only on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary. Within thirty days after the death of a member, on the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, he shall pay to the heirs of such deceased member the amount of the benefit, two hundred dollars, herein prescribed. He shall give receipts for all moneys received, and take vouchers for all disbursed. He shall make a full report of all moneys received and disbursed to the regular meeting of the society at each Annual Conference session.

ARTICLE VI.

Transfer to another Conference of the United Brethren in Christ shall not forfeit membership; but any member who has been expelled, or has withdrawn from the Conference without its consent, forfeits his membership. Any person failing to pay the two dollars agreed upon within thirty days after the date of the notice of the death of a member, or his annual dues, as herein provided for, shall from that time cease to be a member, and shall have no claim upon any benefits of the Society, and shall not be reinstated until all omitted obligations are paid in full.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

A regular meeting of the society shall be held annually during the session of the Conference at the call of the President. At such annual meeting the officers of the society shall be elected, by ballot, and such other business transacted as may be in accordance with the object sought by the society. A majority of the members, other than honorary, shall constitute a quorum.

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ARTICLE VIII.—ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

All members who may not have paid within thirty days from the date of notice of the death of a member the agreed upon two dollars, shall be again notified by the Secretary of the time when the thirty days in which payment was to have been made expired, and shall be allowed ten days additional in which to pay the same; any member failing in this, his membership is forfeited.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of all the ministerial members present at a regular meeting of the society.

ROLL OF MEMBERS

Albright, Nancy	1898	Grigsby, Mrs. F. G.	1900
Arnold, O. O.	1909	Hamilton, G. W.	1888
Arnold, Mrs. O. O.	1911	Hamilton, Clara G.	1912
Arthur, E. J.	1897	Hamilton, Ella	1913
Arthur, Alice Maud	1902	Hemphill, Ruth E.	1896
Barnhardt, A. C.	1910	Hoyle, Maude E.	1914
Barnhardt, Iva M.	1912	Huber, J. G.	1895
Bauer, G. F.	1914	Huddle, S.	1887
Beckett, J. N.	1893	Huddle, Elizabeth.....	1902
Beckett, Mrs. J. N.	1905	Judy, Clayton	1910
Bilger, O. F.	1907	Judy, Mrs. Clayton	1910
Bittner, A. E.	1912	Keister, S. W.	1887
Boda, C. B.	1900	Kilbourn, J. W.	1890
Bohn, F. H.	1887	Kilbourn, Mary A.	1898
Bohn, Louisa	1903	Kissell, A.	1906
Bookwalter, L.	1890	Kissell, Mrs. A.	1906
Bowers, E. W.	1888	Klinefelter, W. H.	1895
Bowers, Dora B.	1898	Kurtz, C. W.	1894
Burkert, Mrs. C. J.	1898	Landis, J. P.	1887
Bushong, T. F.	1887	Mathews, G. M.	1888
Bushong, Laura M.	1898	Mayne, J. H.	1887
Caylor, E. H.	1897	McKee, Mrs. William	1901
Church, F. B.	1911	McNelly, Calvin	1906
Church, Mrs. Delia	1911	Miller, C. W.	1887
Clippinger, A. R.	1911	Meyer, C. F.	1907
Comfort, M. I.	1906	Niswonger, W. C.	1887
Comfort, Geo. J.	1907	Niswonger, Clara A.	1898
Cool, E. C.	1913	Penick, R. E.	1914
Cool, Mrs. E. C.	1914	Plack, C. E.	1912
Dunkelberger, A.	1887	Pantle, Jacob	1892
Dunkelberger, Laura	1908	Pantle, Ella	1902
Dutton, J. H.	1912	Pruner, W. J.	1895
Farris, B. F.	1908	Rasey, S. E.	1912
Farris, Hattie L.	1908	Rasey, Mrs. L. E.	1913
Flory, J. W.	1887	Replogle, J. M.	1893
Fout, H. H.	1892	Saul, E. E.	1887
Fout, Adah C.	1901	Saul, Alma J.	1898
Fox, R. M.	1911	Sechrist, H. A.	1887

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Sechrist, Rosetta	1898	VanSickle, W. M.	1891
Shuey, W. J.	1887	VanSickle, Clara B.	1902
Smelker, W. H.	1910	Wahl, G. A.	1905
Smelker, Muriel D.	1910	Wahl, Lizzie A.	1908
Swain, J. L.	1887	Weimer, E. S.	1903
Stewart, J. P.	1902	Wellbaum, O. D.	1911
Stewart, Matilda	1903	Wellbaum, Mrs. O. D.	1911
Stephens, C. W.	1902		
Stephens, Minnie A.	1904		
Underwood, W. I.	1910		

Honorary Member—

Miller, L. O.	1911
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Chester Briggs, died July 7, 1890; Lawrence Burns, died April 11, 1884; W. G. Wells, died July 24, 1896; L. A. McGrew, died May 9, 1898; Margery F. VanSickle, died September 13, 1898; Nancy Holtzinger, died May 4, 1899; John Walter, died May 14, 1899; W. R. Houlton, died June 15, 1899; G. M. Hemphill, died January 27, 1905; C. J. Burkert, died November 12, 1905; J. D. Holtzinger, died June 4, 1907; Wm. McKee, died October 6, 1907; Elizabeth Hamilton, died October 22, 1907; S. M. Hippard, died May 22, 1909; C. H. Snyder, died January 27, 1910; F. G. Grigsby, died February 27, 1911; D. K. Flickinger, D.D., died August 29, 1911; G. W. Arnold, died February 27, 1912; Hannah Swain, died February 20, 1913; W. K. Albright, died Mar. 28, 1914.

Amount of money in treasury.....\$1,624.45

FIELD OF LABOR	Name of Preacher	No. Churches on Charge	No. New Churches Organized	No. Churches Disorganized	Beginning of Year	Received by Conf. of Faith	Received by Letter or Transfer	Rec'd by Change in Boundary	Total in Church during Year
Arcanum.....	G. T. Powell.....	1			375	16	7		398
Bowlusville.....	E. Haerr.....	1			43				43
Beavertown.....	J. A. Albright.....	1			144	2	9		155
Brookville.....	E. E. Saul.....	2			421	36	9		466
Beardshear.....	J. J. Mullaney.....	1			76	2	2		80
Cincinnati Willey Mem.	W. H. Klinefelter.....	1			121	8			129
Cherry Grove.....	E. C. Cool.....	3			309	1	9		319
Clifton.....	C. McNelly.....	1			144	14	8		166
Colerain.....	G. J. Comfort.....	4			185	13	5		203
College Hill.....	R. M. Fox.....	1			94				94
Cheviot.....	E. S. Comrey.....	1			49	4	1		54
Dayton—Belmont.....	Geo. R. Strayer.....	1			179	29	10		218
Carmonte.....	C. E. Hetzler.....	1			45	15	8		68
Cowden Memorial.....	J. H. Dutton.....	1			393	43	21		457
East Dayton.....	S. E. Rasey.....	1			343	34	22		399
First Church.....	J. G. Huber.....	1			747	23	24		794
Fairview.....	F. A. Pantle.....	1			140	16	9		165
Ft. McKinley.....	J. B. Church.....	1			58	2	6		66
High Street.....	O. O. Arnold.....	1			277	14	7		298
Hartford Street.....	W. C. Niswonger.....	1			384	76	5		465
Home Avenue.....	J. W. Flory.....	1			376	31	19		426
Miami Chapel.....	F. H. Bohn.....	1			284	32	10		326
Oak Street.....	Ira D. Warner.....	1			520	78	39		637
Olivet.....	Ray Penick.....	1			167	30	7		204
Euclid Avenue.....	A. R. Clippinger.....	1			627	98	54		779
Troy Street.....	A. Dunkelberger.....	1			194	41	5		240
Kingsville.....	C. E. Rettew.....	1			34		5		39
Eaton.....	D. R. Wilson.....	1			270	27	13		310
Englewood.....	W. H. Smelker.....	1			80	1			81
Eldorado.....	E. S. Weimer.....	3			357	23	9		389
Germantown.....	J. E. Yingling.....	1			435	34	18		487
Greenville.....	W. M. VanSickle.....	1			289	37	20		346
Hamilton.....	G. W. Hamilton.....	1			159	3	5		167
Harrison.....	W. Van Saun.....	4			119	10	14	85	228
Ithaca.....	M. I. Comfort.....	3			453	56	16		525
Lewisburg.....	W. T. Frank.....	1			264	54	7		325
Liberty.....	O. F. Bilger.....	4			540	15	11		566
Lockington.....	J. H. Mayne.....	5			365	3	4		372
Miamisburg.....	W. I. Underwood.....	1			183	60	24		267
Middletown.....	J. M. Replogle.....	1			360	29	10		399
Millville.....	Norman Bevis.....	1			95	5	1		101
Mt. Healthy.....	Frank Johannes.....	1			134	7	3		144
New Hope&Pleasant Hill	E. P. Huddle.....	2			243	16			259
North Bend.....	W. C. Andreas.....	2			257	28	2		287
New Haven.....	O. D. Wellbaum.....	1			364	7	7		378
Newport.....	G. A. Wahl.....	1			145	18	8		171
New Madison.....	G. F. Bauer.....	2			280	20	4		304
Otterbein.....	A. Barnhardt.....	1			211	2			213
Piqua.....	C. B. Boda.....	1			363	34	5		402
Pymont.....	J. L. Armstrong.....	1			98	16			114
Rosburg.....	C. E. Plack.....	5			219	35	2		256
Rosewood.....	M. F. Hawley.....	3			331	2	2		335
Salem.....	I. Zimmerman.....	4			532	53	5		590
Savona.....	F. H. Linville.....	5			368	18			386
Springfield—Lagonda.....	B. F. Farris.....	1			562	5	4		571
Columbus Avenue.....	Maude Hoyle.....	1			66	15			81
Sulphur Grove.....	J. J. Mullaney.....	1			100				100
Springboro.....	Norman Bevis.....	1			72	1	2		75
Utica and Oregonia.....	R. L. Harkins.....	2			88	1			89
Union City.....	C. W. Stephens.....	1			318	113	10		441
Union Circuit.....	J. L. Swain.....	3			247	9	2		258
Vandalia.....	A. Bittner.....	2			302	11	6		319
Waterhouse.....	M. O. Stein.....	3			195	21	8		224
West Elkton.....	C. W. Snyder.....	4			418	30	7		455
Wagner and Aley.....	V. M. Thompson.....	2			105	5			110
Yorkshire.....	J. L. Armstrong.....	1			49	2			51
Otterbein Home.....	J. R. King.....	1	1			12	20		32
Norwood.....	E. S. Comrey.....	1			76				76
Totals.....		114	1		16841	1496	550	85	18972
Last Year.....		111	1		16451	1333	451		18235
Increase.....		3			390	163	99	85	737
Decrease.....									

Lost by Death	Lost by Letter and Transfer	Lost by Change in Boundary	All Other Losses	Total Loss	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Under Watch-Care of Church	No. Y. P. S. C. E. Societies	Members	Junior and Int. C. E. Societies	Members	No. Otterbein Brotherhoods	Members	No. W. M. A. Societies	Members in W. M. A. Societies	No. Otterbein Guilds
2	12	...	2	16	382	7	...	3	1	60	1	40	...	...	1	40	...
...	1	...	...	1	42	...	1	...	1	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	1	...	1	4	151	7	...	...	1	39	...	...	1	31	1	19	...
3	7	...	...	10	456	35	...	...	2	65	1	28	...	...	2	82	1
1	...	...	...	1	79	3	...	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	2	...	13	19	110	...	11	...	1	20	...	...	1	12	...	...	...
8	20	...	50	78	241	...	68	...	2	44	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
1	8	...	...	9	157	13	...	...	1	26	...	...	...	...	1	11	1
...	6	33	...	39	164	...	21	...	3	67	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
...	...	...	11	11	83	...	11	...	1	38	1	20	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	6	6	48	...	1	...	1	22	...	...	1	20	...	...	...
...	12	...	4	16	202	23	...	...	1	79	1	40	...	...	1	71	...
2	...	...	2	4	64	19	...	...	1	18	1	19	...	...	1	8	...
2	33	...	26	61	396	3	...	...	1	51	1	32	1	84	1	54	...
1	20	...	12	33	366	23	...	...	1	74	1	40	...	...	1	33	...
16	18	...	40	74	720	...	27	...	1	35	...	...	1	60	1	133	1
...	8	...	...	8	157	17	...	...	1	39	1	...	1	35	1	17	...
...	...	...	...	...	66	8	...	...	1	40	1	25	...	...	...	...	...
4	8	...	30	42	256	...	21	...	1	78	1	35	...	...	1	68	1
5	14	...	22	41	424	40	...	...	1	45	1	80	1	100	1	59	1
3	18	...	55	76	350	...	26	...	1	52	1	53	...	...	1	25	...
3	17	...	3	23	303	19	...	...	1	32	1	50	1	45	1	80	...
3	23	...	9	35	602	82	...	...	1	160	1	75	...	...	1	130	1
3	7	...	11	21	183	16	...	...	1	85	2	72	1	74	...	...	...
17	30	...	25	72	707	80	...	...	1	80	1	70	...	...	1	135	1
1	7	...	28	36	204	10	...	...	1	50	1	27	...	...	...	...	1
2	...	...	2	4	35	1	...	...	1	25	1	21	...	...	...	...	...
5	6	...	4	15	295	25	...	...	1	50	1	30	...	...	1	34	1
...	...	...	5	5	76	...	4	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	11	...	12	28	361	4	...	2	3	130	1	30	...	...	...	...	...
10	16	...	8	34	453	18	...	...	1	45	1	25	1	59	1	65	...
7	12	...	6	25	321	32	...	...	1	52	2	77	1	...	1	31	...
2	4	...	8	14	153	...	6	...	1	25	1	30	1	40	...	...	...
...	17	...	18	35	193	74	...	...	1	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	20	...	3	31	494	41	...	...	1	50	1	36	...	...	2	29	...
7	15	...	...	22	303	39	...	...	1	61	1	33	...	...	...	28	1
2	16	...	...	18	548	8	...	...	2	124	...	...	...	...	2	33	...
1	4	...	2	7	365	...	...	...	1	64	1	26	...	...	1	11	...
4	4	...	17	25	242	59	...	2	1	40	1	20	1	31	1	33	...
2	6	...	16	24	375	15	...	...	1	150	1	40	...	...	1	60	...
1	1	...	3	5	96	1	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	7	...	...	9	135	1	...	...	1	32	1	50	...	...	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	9	250	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	...	...	4	283	26	...	...	1	23	1	32	...	...	...	...	...
4	8	85	...	97	281	...	83	...	1	92	...	...	...	...	1	80	...
...	4	...	21	25	146	1	...	...	1	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	2	4	300	20	...	...	2	56	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
2	5	...	...	7	206	...	5	1	1	142	...	...	...	...	1	22	...
4	7	...	3	14	388	25	...	...	1	33	...	...	1	40	1	26	...
...	1	...	25	26	88	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	8	9	247	28	...	...	1	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	1	334	3	...	...	2	93	...	...	...	...	1	24	...
5	9	...	8	22	568	36	...	...	2	82	...	...	...	...	4	94	...
6	9	...	11	26	360	...	8	...	3	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	4	...	121	126	445	...	117	...	1	89	1	73	1	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	1	80	14	...	...	1	50	...	...	1	16	...	...	...
2	10	...	...	12	88	...	12	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	...	16	20	55	...	17	...	1	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	3	86	...	2	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	8	...	11	23	418	100	...	...	1	50	...	...	...	...	1	12	...
3	6	...	7	16	242	...	5	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	1	15	...
2	4	...	...	6	313	11	...	...	1	94	...	...	...	...	1	23	...
1	6	...	9	16	208	13	...	...	1	50	1	15	...	...	...	...	...
7	20	...	51	78	377	...	41	...	4	162	1	12	...	...	1	12	...
1	2	...	3	6	104	...	1	...	1	25	...	...	...	...	1	9	...
...	...	...	30	30	21	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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...	9	...	...	9	67	...	9	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
189	540	118	780	1627	17345	1039	535	8	79	3478	36	1277	17	647	43	1607	10
157	...	...	...	1321	16914	818	355	...	76	3138	41	1523	25	941	42	...	6
32	...	...	...	306	431	221	180	8	3	340	...	...	...	...	1	...	4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	246	8	294	...	...	...

FIELD OF LABOR

	Members in Otterbein Guilds	No. Sunday Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars in Main School	Scholars in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total Enroll- ment	Average Attend- ance	No. Organized Adult Classes	Organ'd Classes (ages 12-20)	Scholars in Org. Adult Classes	Sunday School Libraries
Arcanum.....		1	36	290	20	40	386	195	5	5	180	....
Bowlusville.....		1	13	70	....	....	83	40	....	....	....	....
Beavertown.....		1	13	111	12	11	147	65	1	....	....	....
Brookville.....	24	2	48	507	12	22	589	286	5	1	251	....
Beardshear.....		1	12	75	....	23	110	65	....	....	....	....
Cincinnati—Wiley Mem.....		1	37	162	33	45	277	126	1	1	10	1
Cherry Grove.....		2	21	140	43	18	222	125	5	....	....	....
Clifton.....	12	1	25	210	19	25	279	189	....	....	....	1
Colerain.....		3	28	215	11	....	254	150	3	....	97	2
College Hill.....		1	11	130	....	30	171	73	....	....	....	....
Cheviot.....		1	15	102	60	40	217	44	1	1	17	....
Dayton—Belmont.....		1	21	280	....	48	349	151	2	3	110	....
Carrmonte.....		1	19	100	....	13	132	60	2	....	28	....
Cowden Mem.....		1	37	470	45	54	606	268	5	9	150	....
East Dayton.....		1	43	514	20	100	677	304	8	....	140	1
First Church.....		1	48	631	35	58	772	339	10	6	200	1
Fairview.....		1	25	175	....	....	200	120	3	....	....	....
Ft. McKinley.....		1	13	107	....	41	161	70	3	....	45	....
High Street.....	46	1	40	262	50	62	414	179	7	3	84	1
Hartford Street.....	12	1	40	600	....	100	740	381	5	3	250	1
Home Avenue.....		1	41	220	32	53	346	185	4	1	88	....
Miami Chapel.....		1	18	264	18	40	340	150	4	....	100	....
Oak Street.....	30	1	49	710	35	55	849	402	6	6	415	1
Olivet.....		1	17	225	11	24	277	125	1	....	38	....
Euclid Avenue.....	60	1	47	650	25	103	825	375	4	....	....	....
Troy Street.....	25	1	24	240	....	40	304	160	3	....	....	....
Kingsville.....		1	8	115	....	21	144	42	....	....	....	....
Eaton.....	14	1	25	200	15	40	280	100	5	....	....	....
Englewood.....		1	20	128	....	12	160	76	....	....	....	....
Eldorado.....		3	49	425	16	51	541	263	5	....	....	....
Germantown.....		1	35	415	....	25	475	196	1	....	....	....
Greenville.....		1	21	290	9	20	340	....	4	....	145	1
Hamilton.....		1	27	175	14	25	241	134	3	....	....	....
Harrison.....		4	25	129	6	25	185	....	7	....	75	....
Ithaca.....		3	50	560	10	50	670	355	4	4	129	....
Lewisburg.....	17	1	19	408	....	38	465	195	5	2	213	1
Liberty.....		4	84	629	32	42	787	....	13	....	....	1
Lockington.....		4	48	328	....	9	385	150	6	2	100	1
Miamisburg.....		1	27	284	10	6	327	163	5	2	....	....
Middletown.....		1	34	410	25	25	494	250	4	1	150	....
Millville.....		1	15	65	....	....	80	40	....	....	....	....
Mt. Healthy.....		1	18	157	10	35	220	....	....	....	....	....
New Hope & Pleasant Hill.....		2	21	140	....	12	173	108	3	....	79	....
North Bend.....		2	25	221	53	33	332	103	5	2	79	1
New Haven.....		1	30	244	46	16	336	163	3	3	99	1
Newport.....		1	23	194	64	49	330	136	5	2	83	....
New Madison.....		2	35	310	79	40	464	214	3	1	....	....
Otterbein.....		1	17	225	8	12	262	81	1	....	36	....
Piqua.....		1	22	350	50	40	462	146	5	1	140	....
Pymont.....		1	10	80	....	....	90	65	1	....	30	....
Rosburg.....		6	42	371	....	25	438	....	....	....	....	....
Rosewood.....		3	49	140	8	66	263	100	3	....	....	....
Salem.....		4	71	602	62	92	827	315	4	....	60	2
Savona.....		3	67	310	25	88	490	210	4	....	....	....
Springfield—Lagonda.....		1	50	300	17	52	419	274	8	5	178	1
Columbus Avenue.....		1	20	126	....	14	160	97	2	2	36	....
Sulphur Grove.....		1	8	30	....	....	38	25	....	....	....	....
Springboro.....		1	16	72	....	....	88	35	....	....	....	....
Utica & Oregonia.....		2	18	94	9	16	137	45	....	....	....	....
Union City.....		1	32	350	12	45	439	233	8	2	250	1
Union Circuit.....		3	37	282	....	16	335	210	1	1	55	1
Vandalia.....		2	55	327	....	54	436	187	6	....	107	1
Waterhouse.....		3	39	145	6	34	224	160	8	....	95	....
West Elkton.....		5	48	465	20	25	558	217	....	2	....	....
Wagner and Aley.....		2	18	97	18	20	153	....	....	....	....	2
Yorkshire.....		1	9	35	....	....	44	40	....	....	....	1
Otterbein Home.....		1	13	106	....	....	119	....	....	....	....	....
Norwood.....		1	4	35	....	....	39	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	240	111	2025	17829	1105	2218	23177	9755	220	71	4342	24
Last Year.....		109	2080	17127	1050	2056	22247	....	268	....	5126	19
Increase.....		2	....	702	55	162	930	....	....	....	....	5
Decrease.....			55	....	....	....	....	....	48	....	784	....

Volumes in Libraries	Added Church from S. S.	Religious Tele-scope	Watchword	Friend for Boys and Girls	Otterbein Teacher	Otterbein Adult Quarterly	Otterbein Senior Quarterly	Otterbein Int. Quarterly	Otterbein Home Dept. Quarterly	Bible Weekly Lesson Leaves	Lessons for our Juniors	Bible Pictures for little Ones	Lesson Picture Chart	Graded Series Primary	Graded Series Junior	Graded Series Intermediate	Graded Series Beginners
.....	14	30	150	60	16	.....	175	60	21	125	60	60	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1	16	10	4	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	8	40	12	5	.....	75	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
.....	29	40	140	80	10	40	200	25	15	100	25	20	1	10	14	18	.....
.....	2	4	25	25	6	20	20	25	.....	30	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
450	5	16	6	100	19	15	20	75	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	18	100	90	9	.....	100	15	36	52	.....	.....	.....	10	15	10	10
50	10	6	.....	85	12	35	.....	.....	20	60	60	60	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	16	9	60	10	5	.....	50	36	24	15	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	30
.....	.....	5	.....	25	10	25	2	25	.....	60	25	25	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2	2	40	5	20	20	10	60	15	30	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	24	28	12	100	13	.....	100	80	.....	.....	60	50	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	12	2	10	20	9	.....	30	25	.....	10	8	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	26	16	125	100	7	.....	100	70	50	40	50	.....	2	90	20	.....	50
90	15	19	125	100	11	55	60	50	25	25	.....	.....	.....	65	89	.....	30
300	15	70	225	75	15	200	.....	75	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....
.....	16	8	50	50	12	30	.....	30	.....	60	50	50	1	.....	.....	2	.....
300	1	9	.....	40	4	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
300	5	13	110	35	20	.....	115	60	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	48	.....	30
200	42	14	150	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	1	60	30	30	45
.....	21	13	100	10	.....	120	50	36	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20	25	30
.....	31	46	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	100	125	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	30
15	60	35	65	80	7	.....	165	.....	35	175	.....	.....	.....	90	100	65	60
.....	25	11	12	75	10	.....	75	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	65	40	200	100	16	.....	250	.....	25	40	.....	.....	.....	75	65	46	70
.....	39	14	125	.....	16	95	.....	85	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	6	36	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	36	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	10	30	50	25	9	75	.....	.....	15	40	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	20	15
.....	.....	6	.....	54	11	.....	75	30	.....	.....	16	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	18	35	80	50	15	240	.....	55	8	15	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	15	46	145	200	20	.....	100	100	.....	100	35	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
200	19	32	75	50	12	85	15	55	15	25	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	4	13	7	60	6	.....	50	40	16	10	.....	.....	.....	55	10	.....	35
.....	2	11	30	22	5	.....	83	20	6	34	30	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....
.....	41	50	150	120	31	.....	405	60	10	.....	95	95	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
155	48	20	75	.....	9	.....	175	59	20	30	48	12	.....	20	15	.....	15
200	5	51	180	90	35	30	295	22	4	50	70	70	2	25	.....	.....	.....
.....	2	25	35	.....	12	65	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	35	14	90	.....	10	.....	100	.....	10	20	65	65	1	.....	.....	.....	24
.....	25	71	150	100	25	50	235	.....	25	25	7	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	6	2	35	.....	5	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	7	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	16	40	25	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	16	21	30	50	8	110	.....	30	.....	30	.....	27	.....	13	.....	.....	10
5	8	25	70	.....	11	.....	59	36	53	30	20	61	.....	28	10	.....	35
40	6	26	70	.....	12	35	125	.....	46	12	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	15
.....	11	14	45	45	7	.....	50	18	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	17	21	95	20	19	.....	135	72	51	25	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....
.....	2	20	50	50	.....	.....	100	35	.....	.....	18	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	22	18	75	65	15	40	75	40	50	50	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25
.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	34	11	25	65	6	.....	258	85	.....	100	.....	88	5	.....	.....	.....	15
.....	2	27	77	39	.....	119	31	.....	8	.....	24	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
155	34	64	200	140	18	22	290	25	65	38	15	15	.....	24	36	47	32
.....	.....	18	120	40	.....	.....	200	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
150	.....	13	150	75	.....	75	125	100	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40	.....	.....
.....	10	4	40	.....	5	35	45	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	20
.....	.....	.....	20	15	4	.....	15	15	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	20	.....	.....	.....	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1	10	12	.....	.....	25	17	18	9	25	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
222	50	33	100	60	8	.....	150	50	12	50	45	.....	.....	35	.....	20	.....
80	3	21	81	80	.....	7	130	40	.....	50	95	25	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
1100	11	21	150	.....	17	.....	240	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
.....	19	9	55	20	14	.....	185	.....	6	.....	55	56	1	.....	.....	12	.....
.....	27	20	106	33	23	10	235	60	20	15	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
441	5	6	50	.....	9	.....	100	.....	32	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	6	35	20	5	.....	45	40	.....	15	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1	10	15	6	.....	10	10	.....	10	.....	15	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
4553	982	1324	4712	2950	647	1718	6066	2239	1164	2017	1145	935	37	890	547	295	696
4720	920	1211	4443	2721	706	1889	5621	2227	1294	1717	1127						
.....	62	113	269	229			445	12		300	18						
167					59	171			130								

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Arcanum..			10	\$ 875	\$	\$ 125	\$ 10	\$ 1,010
Bowlusville				157			32	189
Beavertown			10	700		100	64	864
Brookville			53	925		150	35	1,110
Beardshear				300				300
Cincinnati—Willey Mem.				750		240	45	1,035
Cherry Grove				700		100	34	834
Clifton				364	450	300	25	1,139
Colerain			5	600		60	60	720
College Hill				450	450		30	930
Cheviot			1	600	250		15	865
Dayton—Belmont			10	600			41	641
Carrmonte			4	325	150		16	491
Cowden Memorial			42	1,500			55	1,555
East Dayton			20	1,000		250	105	1,355
First Church			60	1,463				1,463
Fairview				600	200		30	830
Ft. McKinley				275	250			525
High Street			21	1,000			75	1,075
Hartford Street			26	1,200			120	1,320
Home Avenue			19	900		200	60	1,160
Miami Chapel			42	750		200	5	955
Oak Street			56	1,150		250		1,400
Olivet			1	600			65	665
Euclid Avenue			106	1,860				1,860
Troy Street			30	500	250	180	10	940
Kingsville				206			85	291
Eaton			12	900		150	55	1,105
Englewood				156				156
Eldorado			3	800			51	851
Germantown			44	1,034		200	86	1,320
Greenville			16	900		200	115	1,215
Hamilton			2	500	450		20	970
Harrison				575			24	599
Ithaca			19	800		100	49	949
Lewisburg			18	800		125	15	940
Liberty			14	875		100	5	980
Lockington			22	750		100	50	900
Miamisburg			12	600		150	45	795
Middletown			38	1,000		300		1,300
Millville				175			8	183
Mt. Healthy				700		180		880
New Hope & Pleasant Hill				700				700
North Bend				700	150		79	829
New Haven			16	800		80	75	955
Newport		1		950	50		17	1,017
New Madison				700				700
Otterbein			10	700		100	124	924
Piqua			12	650	450			1,100
Pysmont				175			43	218
Rosburg				628	75	48		751
Rosewood			8	700		85	38	823
Salem				1,120		181	40	1,341
Savona			1	780				780
Springfield—Lagonda			7	850		150		1,000
Columbus Avenue				300			19	319
Sulphur Grove				200		12		212
Springboro			1	225			2	227
Utica and Oregonia			1	319				319
Union City			12	850		150		1,000
Union Circuit			20	660	50		12	722
Vandalia			17	769		75	10	854
Waterhouse				700			25	725
West Elkton		2	6	800		60	115	975
Wagner and Aley			6	367			30	397
Yorkshire				108			20	128
Otterbein Home								
Norwood				113				113
Totals	3		833	\$ 45,779	\$ 3,225	\$ 4,701	\$ 2,189	\$ 55,894
Last Year	1		872	\$ 42,965	3,610	4,960	2,321	53,856
Increase	2			2,814				2,038
Decrease			39		385	259	132	

Conference Supt. Salary	Local Current Expenses	Church and Parsonage Repair	For New Church	For New Parsonage	For Local S. S. Purposes	For Local Y. P. S. C. E. Expense	Expenses	Benevolent Budget	Conference Budget	Special Conf. Church Extension	Special Foreign Missions	Special Home Missions
\$ 43	\$ 350	1,000	\$	\$	\$ 250	\$ 12	\$	\$ 531	\$	\$	\$	\$
10	100				35	15		51				
11	269	220			75			144				
41	557	500			348	2		576		21		
11	60	170			75			51				
10	220	354			113	34		145				
38	255	250						360				7
13	1,465	347						90				
24	250	129			90			84				
9	100	2,042			118	44		12				
5	115	32			26	23		50				
10	375	5		300	133	18		211				
5	16		216		122	10		39				
36	1,261	2,885			360	12		534				
17	642		1,245		340			450				
70	3,536	517			818	15		1,516				
13			1,668		260			151				
5	50		342		45	7		33				
31	817		900		286	48		400				
36	385	845			835	15		350				100
29	233	380			292			242				
56	1,247	591	2,444		181			170				
10	230	306			500	79		950			60	47
61	2,317		7,000		158	23		157			1	1
16	260	259			702	73		1,450		25	25	
8	45				366	12		132				
20	217	330			93	17		43				
10	68				127	2		295				
41	405	265			95	5		30				
48	526		310	421	300	15		410				
27	354	25			360	33		514				
15	456	46			321	41		291				
20	555				225			131				
41	389	323			83			133				
27	180	1,510			449			440				
49	485	300			219	32		230				
41	295	300			326			482				100
20	127	2,015		2,200	195	10		269				
33	350	910			276			105				24
13	53	90			395			420				
23	116	95	90		51	1		66				
37	170	658						150				
19	128		3,777		123			175				
30	90	42			175	68		147				5
27	375	521			161	15		263				
21	500				200	29		141				
31	106	152			160			307				
17	336		495		144			285				
10	43				200	3		183				
28	190	85						62			4	3
40	253				246			175				
45	433	300			209			300		7	12	12
36	290	50			365	10		665				
40	1,284	2,009			200			250			100	
10	24	70	250		456	28		287				
9	40				103	10		60				
11	180	25			30			3				
13	98	50			40			45				4
25	426		1,357		85	14		36				
21	275	420			204			375				
33	599	111	46		305			230				
21	255				508	58		276				
41	235	265	120		175			199			20	
20	161	155		50	205	20		333				
4	45				47			104			10	10
10	26				68			25				
40	40				18			56				
\$ 1,645	\$26571	\$21954	\$20260	\$ 2,971	\$14370	\$ 853	\$	\$17870	\$	\$ 53	\$ 232	313
1,610	27283				13301					265		
35	1,712				1,069					212	232	313

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	Special Church Erection	Special College	Special Bone- brake Seminary	Y. P. S. C. E. Offerings (not for Budget)	Jr. & Int. C. E. Offerings (not for Budget)	Brotherhood (not for Budget)	Children's Day (not for Budget)	Special S. S. Work	W. M. A. Con- tributions
Arcanum.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	10	\$ 60
Bowlusville.....									
Beavertown.....								7	60
Brookville.....		125		4	3				363
Beardshear.....									
Cincinnati—Wiley Mem.....				11				1	
Cherry Grove.....									
Clifton.....									
Colerain.....				15					64
College Hill.....									
Cheviot.....				4				1	
Dayton—Belmont.....				14					58
Carrmonte.....									
Cowden Memorial.....			123	13	15				137
East Dayton.....				81	24				
First Church.....									449
Fairview.....				5			4	5	55
Ft. McKinley.....								21	95
High Street.....				9					
Hartford Street.....	56	25							171
Home Avenue.....								20	64
Miami Chapel.....									168
Oak Street.....			74	32	7			60	259
Olivet.....		25			17	44			
Euclid Avenue.....			73						487
Troy Street.....				7					197
Kingsville.....									
Eaton.....		500		14	1				73
Englewood.....								4	
Eldorado.....									
Germantown.....									175
Greenville.....		1860	500	8		7			90
Hamilton.....				53				2	
Harrison.....									
Ithaca.....			10						27
Lewisburg.....				10					54
Liberty.....									284
Lockington.....									38
Miamisburg.....		10		33					45
Middletown.....				18					125
Millville.....				1					
Mt. Healthy.....									
New Hope & Pleasant Hill.....									
North Bend.....						74		3	
New Haven.....		350							118
Newport.....									
New Madison.....									
Otterbein.....				15			4	7	70
Piqua.....						5			25
Pyrmont.....									
Rosssburg.....									
Rosewood.....		9							31
Salem.....									329
Savona.....									
Springfield—Lagonda.....									
Columbus Avenue.....								1	
Sulphur Grove.....									
Springboro.....									
Utica & Oregonia.....									
Union City.....		50							29
Union Circuit.....		10							
Vandalia.....		10		66				8	31
Waterhouse.....				5				12	
West Elkton.....					4				
Wagner & Aleys.....									60
Yorkshire.....									
Otterbein Home.....		25							
Norwood.....									
Total.....	\$ 56	\$ 2999	\$ 780	\$ 418	\$ 71	130	8	162	\$ 4291
Last Year.....	329	469	843						3732
Increase.....		2530							559
Decrease.....	273		63						

Otterbein Guild Contributions	Homes and Orphanages	For Temperance Cause	Evangelistic Work	Bible Cause	Miscellaneous	Total for all Purposes	Church Houses	Built this Year	Value	Debt
\$	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$	\$	\$	\$	1	\$	\$ 10,000	\$
42	90	30	21			3,321	1	1,200		
						400	1	6,000		
						1,650	1	16,000		
						3,833	2			
						667				
						1,683	1	7,500		
		50				1,789	4	9,300		
						3,054	1	16,500	9,500	
		3	33			1,405	3	18,000		
		10				4,155	1	16,000	9,000	
		32				1,153	1	2,800	1,500	
	75	70			197	2,107	1	5,000		
			10			909	Lot	1,000	200	
	15	12			48	7,007	1	30,000	3,050	
					110	4,348	1	20,000	9,970	
40	100					8,524	1	102,000	9,000	
	10	45				3,144	1	14,000	9,200	
	3	20				735	1	7,000	2,500	
15			24			3,700	2	37,000	17,900	
	73	14	100			4,325	1	12,000	900	
	20	1			325	2,742	1	7,000		
		3				4,243	1	25,000	15,500	
28	154		28		990	6,561	1	30,000	2,050	
	6	63			58	1,763	1	6,500	500	
70	79	197			114	14,583	1	75,000	17,000	
		31				2,220	1	10,000	1,600	
						453	1	3,500	150	
30	800	30	16			3,760	1	8,000	1,220	
			12			399	1	2,000		
		61			400	2,888	3	14,000		
	20	15	350			4,092	1	30,000		
	90	30	7			4,866	1	5,300		
	11	3				2,212	1	14,660	7,730	
						1,859	4	6,500		
	16					3,045	3	17,000		
	45	20				3,267	1	9,000		
	9					3,065	4	26,000		
						1,967	5	9,000		
	31	13				5,694	1	12,000	6,685	
	75					3,626	1	12,000		
	4					462	1	2,500		
	2	20				1,376	1	1,291		
	180	4				2,047	1	7,000		
	500	61	14			5,405	2	14,500	6,266	
		64			107	2,099	1	6,500		
			15			2,375	1	12,000	400	
	21	134				1,843	2	10,000		
	77					1,816	1	8,000		
		37				2,401	1	16,000	7,275	
						340	1	2,500		
						1,355	6	8,500		
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	54	177				5,414	1	21,700	6,000	
	106	16				926	1	2,500	100	
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			75			607	1	2,000		
						535	2	5,000		
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FIELD OF LABOR	Net Value	Parsonage	Value	Debt	Net Value	Months Employed	Conference Minutes Wanted
Arcanum.....	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 1,800	\$.....	\$ 1,800	12	75
Bowlusville.....	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	15
Beavertown.....	6,000	1	2,000	.....	2,000	12	60
Brookville.....	16,000	1	2,500	800	1,700	12	60
Beardshear.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	15
Cincinnati—Wiley Wem..	7,500	1	2,000	80	1,920	12	40
Cherry Grove.....	9,300	1	1,300	.....	1,300	12	100
Clifton.....	7,000	1	7,000	3,000	4,000	12	35
Colerain.....	18,000	1	1,300	.....	1,300	12	50
College Hill.....	7,000	1	2,500	1,000	1,500	12	24
Cheviot.....	1,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	20
Dayton—Belmont.....	5,000	Lot	300	.....	300	11	50
Carrmonte.....	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	20
Cowden Memorial.....	26,950	1	5,000	4,200	800	12	75
East Dayton.....	10,030	1	4,500	.....	4,500	12	70
First Church.....	93,000	1	8,000	.....	8,000	12	100
Fairview.....	4,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	40
Ft. McKinley.....	4,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	20
High Street.....	19,100	1	1,000	.....	1,000	12	50
Hartford.....	11,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	75
Home Avenue.....	7,000	1	2,500	1,000	1,500	12	50
Miami Chapel.....	9,500	1	4,000	.....	4,000	12	70
Oak Street.....	27,950	1	3,000	.....	3,000	12	90
Olivet.....	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	20
Euclid Avenue.....	58,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	70
Troy Street.....	8,400	1	2,500	1,600	900	12	65
Kingsville.....	3,350	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	25
Eaton.....	6,780	1	2,500	.....	2,500	12	35
Englewood.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	12
Eldorado.....	14,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	100
Germantown.....	30,000	1	4,000	.....	4,000	12	80
Greenville.....	5,300	1	2,500	.....	2,500	12	50
Hamilton.....	6,930	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	25
Harrison.....	6,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	25
Ithaca.....	17,000	1	1,800	.....	1,800	12	100
Lewisburg.....	9,000	1	1,600	.....	1,600	12	60
Liberty.....	26,000	1	2,100	.....	2,100	12	140
Lockington.....	9,000	1	1,500	.....	1,500	12	84
Miamisburg.....	5,315	1	3,000	100	2,900	12	50
Middletown.....	12,000	1	4,000	.....	4,000	12	40
Millville.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	25
Mt. Healthy.....	1,291	1	2,500	.....	2,500	12	30
New Hope & Pleasant Hill.....	7,000	1	800	125	675	12	60
North Bend.....	8,234	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	30
New Haven.....	6,500	1	1,200	.....	1,200	12	50
Newport.....	11,600	1	1,000	300	700	12	50
New Madison.....	10,000	1	1,500	.....	1,500	12	60
Otterbein.....	8,000	1	1,600	.....	1,600	12	50
Piqua.....	8,725	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50
Pyrmont.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	15
Rosburg.....	8,500	1	1,000	.....	1,000	12	100
Rosewood.....	7,100	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	12	35
Salem.....	7,100	1	2,300	176	2,124	12	75
Savona.....	19,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	75
Springfield—Lagonda.....	15,700	1	1,600	.....	1,600	12	60
Columbus Avenue.....	2,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50
Sulphur Grove.....	2,000	1	1,500	.....	1,500	12	10
Springboro.....	2,000	1	1,000	.....	1,000	12	15
Utica & Oregonia.....	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	30
Union City.....	11,100	1	3,300	1,525	1,775	12	70
Union Circuit.....	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	60
Vandalia.....	6,000	1	1,200	.....	1,200	12	90
Waterhouse.....	5,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50
West Elkton.....	12,500	1	2,500	.....	2,500	12	50
Wagner & Aley.....	7,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50
Yorkshire.....	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	10
Otterbein Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10
Norwood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Totals.....	\$ 713855	\$ 39	\$ 98,200	\$ 13,906	\$ 84,294	801	3450
Last Year.....		38	91750	17,675		804	3150
Increase.....		1	6,450				300
Decrease.....				3,769		3	

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Itinerants—Active, 59; supernumerary, 4; superannuated, 12; total, 75. Total employed, 71.

Local Preachers—Employed, 12; unemployed, 12; total, 24. Total unemployed, 28.

1. Organizations—Number churches, 114; number new churches organized, 1; number churches disorganized, 0; Itinerants (total), 75; local preachers, 24.

2. Membership—Beginning of year, 16,841; received by confession of faith, 1,496; received by letter or transfer, 550; received by change in boundary, 85. Total in church during year, 18,972. Lost by death, 189; lost by letter and transfer, 540; lost by change in boundary, 118; all other losses, 780; total loss, 1,627; present membership, 17,345. Increase, 1,039; decrease, 535; members under watch-care of church, 8.

3. Societies—Number Y. P. S. C. E. societies, 79; members in Y. P. S. C. E. societies, 3,478; number Junior and Intermediate C. E. societies, 36; members in Junior and Intermediate societies, 1,277; number Otterbein brotherhoods, 17; members in Otterbein brotherhoods, 647; number W. M. A. societies, 43; members in W. M. A. societies, 1,607; number Otterbein Guilds, 10; members in Otterbein Guilds, 240.

4. Sunday School—Number Sunday schools, 111; teachers and officers, 2,025; scholars in main school, 17,829; scholars in home department, 1,105; number on cradle roll, 2,218; total enrollment, 23,177; average attendance, 9,755; number organized adult classes, 220; number organized classes, (ages 12-20), 71; scholars in organized adult classes, 4,342; Sunday-school libraries, 24; volumes in libraries, 4,553; added to the church from the Sunday school, 982.

5. Literature—Religious Telescope, 1,324; Watchword, 4,712; Friend for Boys and Girls, 2,950; Otterbein Teacher, 647; Otterbein Adult Quarterly, 1,718; Otterbein Senior Quarterly, 6,066; Otterbein Intermediate Quarterly, 2,239; Otterbein Home Department Quarterly, 1,164; Weekly Bible Lesson Leaves, 2,017;

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Lessons for our Juniors, 1,145; Bible Pictures for Little Ones, 935; Lesson Picture Chart, 37; Graded Series—Beginners, 696; Primary, 890; Junior, 547; Intermediate, 295; Froeliche Botschafter, 3; Jugend Pilger, 0; Woman's Evangel, 833.

6. Finances—Pastor's salary paid by charges, \$45,779; Missionary appropriation, \$3,225; parsonage rent, \$4,701; presents received, \$2,189; Conference Superintendent's salary, \$1,645; local current expenses, \$26,571; church and parsonage repair, \$21,954; for new church, \$20,260; for new parsonage, \$2,971; for local Sunday-school purposes, \$14,370; for local Y. P. S. C. E. expenses, \$853; Benevolence budget, \$17,870; Conference Church Extension special, \$53; special foreign missions, \$232; special home missions, \$313; special Church Erection, \$56; special college, \$2,999; special Bonebrake Seminary, \$780; Y. P. S. C. E. offerings (not for budget), \$418; Junior and Intermediate C. E. offerings (not for budget), \$71; Brotherhood (not for budget), \$130; Children's Day (not for budget), \$8; special Sunday-school work, \$162; W. M. A. contributions, \$4,291; Otterbein Guild contributions, \$225; Homes and Orphanages, \$2,836; for Temperance Cause, \$1,355; evangelistic work, \$945; Bible cause, \$5; miscellaneous, \$2,662. Total for all purposes, \$181,733.

7. Property—Church houses, 112; built this year, none; value, \$859,951; debt, \$146,096; net value, \$713,855; parsonages, 39; value, \$98,200; debt, \$13,900; net value, \$84,294.

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At 9:00 a.m., August 26, 1914, the Miami Annual Conference met in its one hundred and fifth session, in the Lagonda Avenue United Brethren Church, Springfield, Ohio, with Bishop G. M. Mathews, presiding.

Rev. C. W. Kurtz, Superintendent, made a few remarks, after which Rev. W. I. Underwood, led the audience in singing, "I am Thine, O Lord."

Rev. J. P. Stewart, read the "Love chapter," the fifteenth of First Corinthians, and led the Conference in a tender comprehensive prayer.

After the prayer, "When Love Shines in" was sung by the audience. After a tender prayer, the Bishop read Luke 19:2-10, and spoke on "Our Fundamental Needs." The church is the greatest institution in the world. Truth is the basis upon which it is founded.

The tendency to-day is toward the spectacular. We need to get down to the consciousness of the world's real need. God is the only power that can sweep us away from the destructive eddies of indifference, into which many are drifting. Men lose the sense of need of divine power. Christianity is from God and is given us that man's nature may be changed; that men may be saved from sin's awful blighting curse.

There is a natural love for *place* and *power* in our hearts; but if we are true to the real spirit of Christ, we need to have a passion for saving men. The leaders must be spirit filled. Not only must their faces shine, but their lives also. Self-satisfaction is always dangerous, there must be motion if there is life.

The water of God's grace must flow from his throne into the vales of this desolate world to give it life. Men and women must be the conductors, the bearers of this water of life to the perishing.

"The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." The energy required is shown in the parables of the "lost sheep,"

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the "lost coin," and the "lost son." We all need to have a baptism of the Holy Ghost that we may have a *passion* for souls. The Christian home is the greatest bulwark of Christianity ever known, for any nation. When the church is Spirit filled questions of finance disappear, and workers are ready for any task, "where the Lord hath need." When filled with the Spirit young people will be turned toward the ministry and every other needed field. At the close of this forceful address Dr. J. G. Huber led in prayer.

The roll was called, a large number being absent.

Publishing agent, Dr. W. R. Funk, and General Treasurer, L. O. Miller were granted the courtesies of the Conference, and each spoke briefly.

By agreement the first six rows of seats were made the bar of the Conference. Rev. R. E. Penick was chosen correspondent of the Dayton Daily Herald, Rev. C. E. Hetzler for the Daily News, Rev. C. B. Boda for the Piqua papers, Rev. Calvin McNelly for the Cincinnati Times Star, and Rev. M. F. Hawley for the Springfield papers.

The Bishop announced the various committees for the Conference:

The provisional program prepared by the Conference Superintendent, and the secretaries, by order of the last Conference, was adopted.

The names of Rev. G. W. Kitzmiller and E. J. Blackburn were referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

A motion was passed instructing the recording secretary to write letters of greeting to all the aged members of the Conference that are not able to get to the sessions of the Conference.

Rev G. R. Strayer, of Allegheny Conference, was introduced to the Conference, and given the usual courtesies.

The name of Rev. E. H. Farris was referred to the committee on Conference Relations. The names of C. W. Loomis, E. Schlotterbeck, G. Deck, and J. W. Fuchs were referred to the Committee on Applicants.

Rev. C. E. Rettew of East Pennsylvania Conference was given recognition by the Conference.

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Rev. E. E. Saul explained the statistical chart in course of preparation.

Announcements were made by the chairman of the various committee meetings during the intermission.

Conference Treasurer, L. O. Miller, urged that the pastors and local treasurers, be asked to forward their reports to him at least one week before next Conference, to give him time to make his report before the opening of Conference. The same plea was made for the statistical secretary also.

Elam Artz, Rev. A. R. Clippinger, and Rev. J. W. Flory were chosen as a special committee to confer with the Bishop and arrange for the date of the next Conference, making the time later, if possible to do so.

It was voted to adjourn. "Blessed Assurance" was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. C. W. Miller.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened at 1:30 p.m., with the singing of "There Shall be Showers of Blessing." Rev. T. F. Bushong read the "Model Prayer," commenting on the short prayers of the Bible. Prayer was offered by Dr. G. A. Funkhouser. The Elysian Quartet, composed of Revs. J. M. Replogle, O. F. Bilger, W. T. Frank, and D. R. Wilson, rendered "That Beautiful Story of Love," very impressively.

Rev. G. A. Funkhouser, D.D., Dr. J. R. King, Superintendent of the Otterbein Home, and Rev. E. S. Comrey, of East Pennsylvania Conference were granted the usual privileges accorded visiting brethren.

Rev. C. W. Kurtz, D.D., read his report as Conference Superintendent. See report No. 1.

The report was approved, and the recommendations were referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. L. Swain, Rev. J. W. Flory, Rev. J. H. Dutton, Rev. J. M. Replogle, and Harley C. Pearce, by vote of the Conference. A set of resolutions on Superintendency presented by Rev. J. E. Yingling, were referred to the committee on Boundary and Finance, by vote of the Conference.

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"Counted in with the Faithful" was sung by the Conference Quartet. Rev. G. T. Powell read the report on Publishing Interests. The report was discussed by Bishop Mathews, and Dr. W. R. Funk, who impressed the Conference with the far reaching importance, and the magnitude of the Publishing House to the Church and the world. The Quartet gave us "Onward and Upward" while the audience stood to rest. The report was approved. See No. 2.

Rev. C. W. Miller, was granted leave of absence from the Conference at his discretion, because of the illness of his wife.

By general consent of the Conference, Dr. Funkhouser was granted the privilege of speaking at this time on "Seminary Extension" as a special favor to him. He emphasized the *teaching* function of the preacher. To *teach*, the preacher must know the Word, and the best method of *teaching* it to those that sit under his ministry.

Seminary Extension is seeking to instruct all our preachers as to *what* and the *how* to do this teaching most effectively.

The Word is the power, the *dynamite* of God, so we are to preach the Word; for it is the sword of the Spirit.

Dr. J. G. Huber moved that a committee be appointed by the Bishop to seek to promote this phase of the work of the Seminary in this Conference, and it was so ordered by vote.

Revs. J. G. Huber, J. H. Dutton, W. M. VanSickle, C. W. Kurtz, and A. Dunkelberger were named as the committee by the Bishop.

Announcements were made and on motion the Conference adjourned by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the benediction by Rev. J. H. Mayne.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The session opened with a service of song at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. H. A. Thompson read a part of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and led in prayer.

The minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

The roll was called.

Dr. W. E. Schell, General Educational Secretary, Bishop A. T. Howard, Rev. I. E. Caldwell, and Dr. J. S. Kendall were granted the courtesies of the Conference.

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The report of the Committee on Applicants for admission to the Conference was read and approved by vote, and the following young men were admitted to the Conference: R. E. Schlotterbeck, of Lewisburg, C. W. Loomis, of Fort McKinley, W. J. Fuchs, of New Haven, J. P. Hendrix, of Lewisburg, and George L. Deck, of Clifton, Cincinnati. See No. 3.

A partial report of the Committee on Boundaries and Finance was read, and after discussion by Rev. J. E. Yingling, Rev. B. F. Farris, Dr. J. G. Huber, Rev. W. M. VanSickle, Rev. E. E. Saul, J. E. Artz, L. O. Miller, Rev. A. R. Clippinger, and Rev. J. H. Mayne, the majority report adopted as a whole. See No. 4.

It was voted that the salary of the Conference Superintendent shall be \$1,750, the same to be put in the Conference Budget and paid monthly by the Conference Treasurer.

It was moved by J. E. Artz that the Bishop shall appoint a commission of three laymen and three ministers to thoroughly investigate the question of Superintendency and report their findings to the Conference next year. The motion carried.

The vote for Superintendent was taken, resulting in C. W. Kurtz receiving sixty votes, W. C. Niswonger, thirty-eight votes, and eight scattering. C. W. Kurtz was declared elected, he having received seven more than a majority of all votes cast.

The quartet delighted the Conference with a fine selection. At 10:40, Rev. C. B. Boda opened the Institute period, speaking on "The Challenge of the Home Field." See No. 5.

Rev. A. R. Clippinger read his report on Foreign Missions. See report No. 5½.

Rev. Dornblaser of the Lutheran Church was introduced and invited to sit with us. Evangelistic opportunity for the Conference was discussed by Rev. A. Dunkelberger. See No. 7.

Earnest Swartztrauber was not present, so the "Problems of the Country Church," were not discussed.

Rev. A. E. Bittner discussed "A Sunday-School Increase Campaign." See No. 6.

"How enlist laymen in the work of the Church" was discussed by Rev. W. T. Frank.

The Conference adjourned with the singing of the "Long Meter Doxology," and the benediction by Dr. Dornblaser.

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THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the Conference was opened by singing, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder, I'll be there." The Bishop called upon Dr. W. J. Shuey who spoke of his early life in the community, and his conversion not far from where the church now stands. This was the sixty-seventh consecutive Conference that this saintly man has attended, which is a marvelous record: perhaps never excelled by any one in the entire denomination. It was a real benediction to have Dr. Shuey with us and hear his voice again on earth.

A very tender letter was read to the conference by the secretary, from Rev. D. Berger, who was detained at home because of personal illness.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, and Rev. T. F. Bushong led the Conference in a fervent prayer of gratitude to God for his goodness to these aged servants who are nearing the borderland.

Dr. Funkhouser spoke his appreciation to the Conference, for the privilege accorded him of speaking yesterday, instead of on Friday as was arranged in the program.

Rev. J. H. Dutton, Rev. Ira Warner, and Rev. D. R. Wilson were named by the Bishop as the committee on Conference Policy.

Dr. J. G. Huber spoke on "The Stewardship of Life."

Departmental problems was the theme of an address by Dr. W. E. Schell. He referred to the great advancement being made in the foreign field. He referred also to the fact that Father Shuey who is with us, was one of the first of three missionaries sent to Africa, where many are sitting clothed, and in their right minds, because of the power of the gospel.

Our church now has sixty-six missionaries in the four foreign mission fields in which we are operating.

If Europe can pour out her treasure, and give millions of her sons to die for selfish earthly kings, can we not put our lives and money on the altar of our Savior to help save the world?

Bishop A. T. Howard spoke of the responsibility of the Miami Conference, because of its great influence upon the entire Church. He expressed no sympathy for us as a Conference, but congratu-

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lated the workers that they are meeting these responsibilities with real Christian heroism. Reference was made to the increasing power of the religion of our Christ in Africa and Japan.

"Making Effective the Financial Plans for the Church," was discussed by Dr. J. S. Kendall, who said in part: "We must relate our lives very closely with the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth." "Onward Together" is the watch cry of our Church. A large foreign work must have an adequate base of supplies in the home land. If we gather the heathen into the kingdom, they must have the careful sheperding, and have teachers that have had adequate training, to guide them. There must be proportionate development along all lines.

Dr. C. W. Brewbaker and Rev. J. E. Knipp were granted the usual recognition by vote of the Conference.

Rev. D. R. Wilson spoke on "Enlisting the Local Church in our United Work." See No. 9.

Rev. D. R. Wilson read the report of the Committee on Policy. A supplemental report was read by Dr. Kendall and adopted as a whole. See No. 10.

Superintendent C. W. Kurtz, spoke on the theme "We can if we will." No. MS. furnished.

Dr. C. W. Brewbaker was invited to come to the rostrum and spoke briefly, urging the necessity of training the children in giving. If the children are taught to give, the financial problems for the kingdom of God will be solved for the future.

The report on Foreign Missions was approved by vote of the Conference. See No. 5.

On motion of W. M. VanSickle, Rev. J. L. Swain was elected as a member of the Stationing Committee.

After announcements were made, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. E. W. Bowers.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

After a season of song led by Rev. W. I. Underwood, the Conference was led in the devotional service by Rev. S. S. Huddle who read the twelfth chapter of Romans, and gave us a stirring twenty-five minute address, in which there was much food for thought, as well as much inspiration.

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Following his address he led the Conference in prayer, "Happy Day" was sung after which the Bishop asked for a number of short prayers. Brothers Rasey, Snyder, Welbaum, Replogle, Yingling, Wahl, Niswonger, Doty, and Saul prayed fervently for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Revs. U. B. Brubaker, East Pennsylvania Conference, O. T. Deever, of Kansas, and Rev. A. W. Denlinger, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church, Cincinnati, were introduced to the Conference and asked to sit with us.

The name of Rev. Ira Warner was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The following were named by the Bishop as the special committee to investigate the question of Superintendency and report to the next Conference a year hence: Rev. A. R. Clippinger, Rev. C. B. Boda, Rev. W. C. Niswonger, J. Elam Artz, R. L. Henry, and George Somers were named as this committee.

On motion of Rev. E. E. Saul, it was voted that a committee of five shall be named by the Bishop as an advisory council to the superintendent.

Rev. J. W. Flory read the report on Second Year's Course of Reading. The report was adopted. See No. 11.

Rev. W. C. Niswonger read the report of the Committee on Fourth Year's Course of Reading. The report was accepted. See No. 11½.

The name of Rev. O. O. Arnold was referred to the Committee on Elders' Orders.

Rev. J. M. Replogle read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. It voted to adopt the report item by item.

The report was discussed by Revs. J. E. Yingling, E. E. Saul, W. H. Klinefelter, C. W. Kurtz, J. L. Swain, H. A. Sechrist and others. After a few verbal changes, the report was adopted by vote. See No. 12.

Dr. J. R. King gave the reasons why the Conference had to be changed to Springfield, instead of being held at the Otterbein Home as was contemplated, until a few weeks since, when it was found that the building that was to have been used for the

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dormitory, could not be finished in time for this session to be held there.

Gratitude for the generous Christmas offering, was expressed. He also explained the system pursued by the management in the conduct of the affairs of the Home.

A touching scene was the bringing of three small children, sisters, for whom admission to the Home is desired, to the rostrum. There were not many dry eyes in the audience as Dr. King spoke of the sad death of the discouraged father, and the destitution of the helpless mother unable to care for them.

Rev. H. A. Sechrist, Field Secretary for the Home made a stirring appeal to the Conference in behalf of this great institution, that is destined to become one of the greatest blessings this Church has ever had in its history.

Rev. M. I. Comfort read the report on Christian Endeavor work. Rev. C. B. Boda was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Jesse Engle explained the financial policy of the branch union for the year. She also explained the system of merits in the grading of the societies of the Conference.

Rev. Boda explained the working policy and the new plan of district supervision planned for, by the executive committee.

Professor and Mrs. Winston, of Newport, Kentucky, rendered a beautiful duet to the delight of the Conference.

Rev. O. T. Deever, General Secretary of the Christian Endeavor work of our Church, spoke on the "Mission and Purpose of Christian Endeavor."

A synopsis of this fine address would lack the forcefulness of the speaker's personality. The report was adopted. See No. 13.

The Elysian Quartet sang "Let Your Light Shine that Others May See." After announcements, the Conference adjourned on motion, with the benediction by Dr. W. H. Klinefelter.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Promptly at 1:30 the Bishop called the Conference to order, and Brother Underwood led in singing, "Draw me Nearer."

Rev. Ivory Zimmerman led in prayer.

Rev. W. H. Smelker read the report on Christian Stewardship.

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Rev. J. S. Kendall, D.D., spoke briefly on the report. It was adopted. See No. 14.

The report of the special committee on the time for the next Conference was read by J. E. Artz, and after amendment it was adopted. See No. 15.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. See No. 16.

Conference Treasurer, L. O. Miller, read his report. Mr. Miller will furnish this report. It was adopted. See No. 17.

The report of the Laymen's meeting was read and adopted. See No. 18.

Dr. S. W. Kiester was admitted to an advisory seat by the Conference.

The report on Conference Relations was read and adopted. See No. 19.

A supplemental report was read by the Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading and approved by vote. See No. 20.

The report of the Committee on Elders' Orders was read and approved. See No. 21.

Rev. A. E. Bittner read the report on Sunday schools.

Rev. J. E. Knipp spoke on the Sunday school as a Training Agency in Missionary Giving.

On account of the illness of a brother, Professor Houline was not present; but was represented by Dr. Brewbaker, who spoke on "Religious Education in the Young People's Society." The function of the Church is to teach, and to train the young, as well as the older people.

The young life of the Church needs to be guided in right channels. Without proper direction of both the social and religious life, disaster will surely come to them. The report was approved by vote. See No. 22.

The Quartet gave us "The Old Church Bell," very effectively.

The report on Education was read by Rev. O. D. Welbaum.

Dr. S. W. Kiester spoke on Otterbein University, and Dr. W. E. Schell spoke in regard to the hopeful outlook for nearly all of the educational institutions of the Church.

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Dr. J. E. Fout, Manager of Bonebrake Seminary, was granted an advisory seat by vote of the Conference, and said the outlook for the Seminary the coming year was very hopeful.

He spoke of the great need at this time for the new buildings, to accommodate the constantly increasing attendance of students.

He also referred to the present crop of wheat on the Bonebrake ranch, and the future hopes for this great gift to the Church in bringing increasing financial profit to the institution.

Several of the Seminary "boys" sang the song, "Bonebrake," whose composer is Rev. C. E. Hetzler, one of our own young men, of whom we are not ashamed. The report was approved. See No. 23.

The report of the Committee on First Year's Course of Reading was read and adopted. See No. 24.

The roll was called and corrected.

Rev. J. H. Mayne read the report on Memoirs, and it was approved by vote of the Conference. See No. 25.

After the announcements were made a motion to adjourn was carried. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Allan Dunklberger.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 Saturday, the Bishop called the Conference to order, and "Blessed Assurance" was sung.

Rev. S. W. Kiester, D.D., read the fifteenth Psalm, and led the Conference in a reverent prayer. Following this twelve men and one woman led in short fervent prayers.

"Whiter than Snow," was sung prayerfully, and the power of the Holy Spirit was felt.

Rev. E. E. Saul offered a resolution of appreciation for the services of the chorister, Elysian Quartet, the local quartet, the faithful church organist and choir, and others that contributed to the edification of the Conference with such splendid music. The resolution was adopted. See No. 26.

The Conference recessed for a short time to give the Conference Mutual Benefit Association time for the annual session.

After the recess, Miss Elsie Hall, the new Field Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Association was introduced to the Con-

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ference, and at the behest of the Bishop, spoke "some loving words to the brethren."

The Bishop suggested that every pastor should be granted a vacation of not less than two, nor more than four weeks, some time during the summer.

The suggestion was made a motion and approved by vote of the Conference. Rev. A. R. Clippinger, Rev. J. G. Huber, J. L. Swain, L. O. Miller, and G. F. Griffis, were named as the Council of Administration, for the Conference Superintendent.

Rev. J. H. Dutton read the report of the Committee on Seminary Extension. The report was approved by vote. See report No. 27.

Rev. G. A. Wahl read the report on Otterbein Brotherhood. E. L. Shuey, Rev. G. A. Wahl, Rev. C. B. Boda, Rev. J. H. Dutton spoke on the report. The latter referred to the "Two men, after ten," plan adopted by the Riverdale Church. Rev. D. R. Wilson and Bishop Mathews spoke of the Brotherhood Bible class, and its practical possibilities for winning men to Christ, and helping them in a brotherly way to bear their burdens. The report was adopted. See report No. 28.

It was voted that the Golden Jubilee addresses of Bishop Mathews and Rev. J. L. Swain shall be published in full in the Conference minutes. See No. 29 and 30.

Rev. W. C. Andreas read the report on Sabbath Observance and it was adopted. See No. 31.

The report prepared by Rev. G. W. Hamilton, on "The Christian Home" was read by the secretary, as the writer was absent. The paper was adopted by vote. See No. 32.

In the absence of the writer, the secretary read the report on Bible Cause, written by Rev. B. F. Farris. A resolution was passed adopting the paper. See No. 33.

The vote on place of meeting for next year was taken, and Miamisburg was chosen by a strong vote.

Rev. R. M. Fox read the report on Church Erection. After brief discussion by Bishop Mathews it was adopted. See No. 34.

Miss Elsie Hall, Field Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Association was granted the special privilege of speaking to the

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Conference. Her address touched a responsive chord in the hearts of her hearers.

Rev. E. E. Saul offered a resolution of appreciation that was passed by vote. See No. 35.

Rev. U. B. Brubaker spoke briefly in a reminiscent way.

Rev. S. W. Kiester, D.D., representative of the American Purity Association, was granted the special privilege of presenting this work in a brief address.

The report of the Committee on Nominations for Conference officers was read and accepted. Revs. J. H. Mayne, M. I. Comfort, G. T. Powell, and G. A. Wahl were appointed Tellers, and the vote for Conference officers for the next year, was taken.

The motion to adjourn prevailed.

Rev. C. W. Stephens pronounced the benediction.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

"He Leadeth Me" was sung as an opening hymn at 1:30 after the Bishop had rapped for order. Rev. J. A. Albright and Rev. W. H. Smelker led in prayer.

"Jesus, Blessed Jesus" was sung, and again we were led in prayer by Rev. C. E. Rettew and Rev. Maude Hoyle.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read. After many questions and much discussion the report was adopted item by item. See No. 36.

Mrs. Clara Overholser of the Oak Street, Woman's Missionary Association brought the fraternal greetings of the Miami Branch, Woman's Missionary Association in a very happy manner. Rev. C. B. Boda offered a resolution of appreciation and commendation. It was adopted by vote. See No. 37.

Rev. S. E. Rasey was chosen as the representative of the Miami Conference to the next annual Branch Woman's Missionary Association meeting, at Antioch, next May.

Miss Edith Gilbert, Missionary Secretary of the Miami Conference Christian Endeavor Union, was given time to tell of the new vision she had gotten as the delegate from the Christian Endeavor Union, at the Lake Geneva Missionary Conference. Her talk was much appreciated, and helpful to all.

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Rev. J. H. Mayne was in charge of the "Memorial Service," that was opened with singing "Nearer my God to Thee," Rev. J. L. Swain led in prayer.

The Elysian Quartet rendered "O Beautiful City."

The obituary of Rev. W. K. Albright was read by W. M. VanSickle, his pastor, as follows: See No. 38.

Rev. S. S. Huddle spoke of the acquaintance he had with the deceased, that had been very close for a half century, in a very touching manner.

The Quartet sang very tenderly, "Some Glad Day."

Rev. U. B. Brubaker read a short sketch of the life of Rev. H. F. Reber, who, though not a member of the Conference, was a student pastor of Utica, Oregonia, and Kingsville, at the time of his death. See No. 39.

Rev. J. H. Mayne spoke briefly of the noble life of Mrs. S. M. Hippard. Rev. J. L. Swain also spoke of her sweet, pure life and her heroic sacrifices as a pastor's wife. The secretary was authorized to secure if possible, an obituary of Mrs. Hippard, and also of Mrs. Briggs who had died during the year. Insert No. 40. L. O. Miller.

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. A. Barnhardt. The report was approved by vote of the Conference. See No. 41. The report of the vote for Conference officers was read by Rev. G. A. Wahl. The vote resulted in the election of the following:

Recording Secretary—W. M. VanSickle.

Statistical Secretary—E. E. Saul.

Conference Treasurer—L. O. Miller.

Trustee Otterbein University—L. O. Miller.

Ministerial Education Committee—J. P. Landis, J. M. Replogle, and A. R. Clippinger.

Conference Board of Trustees—W. M. VanSickle.

Deaconess Board of Trustees—C. B. Boda.

Conference Sunday-School Board of Control—H. C. Cridland, W. T. Frank, O. O. Arnold, C. W. Kurtz, and Ira D. Warner.

Conference Board of Education—A. A. Maysillies and W. H. Klinefelter.

Conference Benevolent Board—J. H. Dutton and H. D. Conger.

The report on Resolutions was read by Rev. J. W. Flory, and approved by vote of the Conference. See No. 42.

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Rev. J. W. Flory and Rev. A. Dunkelberger, both made great inspirational address on the Woman's Suffrage and Temperance questions.

It was voted that the Bishop appoint the Committee on Evangelism and announce their names on Sunday when the Stationing Committee's report is read.

Rev. J. E. Yingling, Secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees, read the minutes of the meetings held during the year. The minutes were approved as read.

Rev. J. W. Flory read a supplemental report on Conference Relations. The report was approved by vote. See No. 43.

Rev. W. H. Klinefelter offered a resolution in reference to starting new churches. It was adopted. See No. 44.

It was recommended that all statistical reports be sent to Rev. E. E. Saul, and all money for the budget be sent to the Treasurer, L. O. Miller, at least one week before the meeting of Conference, in the future.

The Bishop asked the pastors the usual disciplinary questions, and gave them some godly admonitions in a short address before closing.

The business of the Conference being done, Rev. J. L. Swain moved that the Conference do now adjourn. The motion carried.

"Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung by the audience, the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop, and the Conference stood adjourned.

G. M. MATHEWS, D.D., Bishop.

W. M. VANSICKLE, Recording Sec'y.

E. E. SAUL, Statistical Secretary.

EVENING AND SABBATH SERVICES.

Wednesday evening was given to the observance of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Elmer E. Saul being in charge of the opening exercises. The men's quartet rendered a fine selection in addition to the congregational singing in charge of Rev. W. I. Underwood.

It was fitting that the sermon be preached by Rev. J. L. Swain, who took for his text, Luke 22:22, the last clause, "This do in remembrance of me." Rev. Swain said in part: "Great events are commemorated by monuments. The Sabbath commemorates

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the completed work of God's creation. The rainbow is a witness of God's promise never again to destroy the earth by a flood. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of the finished work, the redemption of fallen man. Jesus Christ was our substitute, bearing our sins upon Calvary's cross. He paid the price of our redemption with his precious blood. We do not, we can not save ourselves.

"By means of this sacrament we show our obedience to his command, and thus our love by obedience. Jesus Christ wanted to be remembered by this ordinance, because it is the *seal* of our redemption.

"It also shows our faith in his promise to come again, when he shall not come as the 'Babe of Bethlehem,' but as a conquering prince to rule forever."

The Elysian Quartet sang, "What Did He Do?" after which Bishop Mathews introduced the communion service, which was administered by Revs. A. R. Clippinger, C. W. Kurtz, E. E. Saul, and W. M. VanSickle, to a great congregation of communicants.

Thursday evening, Rev. W. C. Niswonger, presided.

Prayer was offered by W. H. Klinefelter, D.D.

J. S. Kendall, D.D., spoke on "Acceptable Giving," urging his hearers to adopt the Bible standard of tithing systematically.

Rev. I. E. Caldwell spoke of "The Needs of Porto Rico." The educational, financial, and commercial needs of the people were spoken of; but the greatest need is that they know about the historical Christ. The only Christ they know of is the traditional Christ. They need to know the ethics of the Christian religion, truth, honesty, and purity, of which they have no conception.

Dr. W. E. Schell began his address on education by reciting a chapter from the Bible. His address was a resume of the present status of the educational institutions of the Church.

Friday evening a Golden Jubilee Service was held in honor of Rev. J. L. Swain, who has completed fifty years of active service in the ministry in the Miami Conference.

Rev. J. H. Mayne, presided. After the devotional service, Bishop Mathews spoke in part as follows. See address No. 29.

Rev. J. L. Swain responded as follows. See address No. 30. At the close of Brother Swain's address, Bishop Mathews, on behalf

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of the Conference, presented him with fifty beautiful roses as an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held.

Short impromptu addresses were made by Rev. J. G. Huber, Rev. S. W. Kiester, Rev. E. E. Saul, Dr. C. W. Kurtz, Rev. J. W. Flory, Rev. S. S. Huddle, and Rev. G. T. Powell.

Saturday evening was given to the Temperance Cause. Rev. W. H. Klinefelter, D.D., presided in his usual dignified manner. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. J. Mullaney.

A drill was performed by local Lincoln-Lee Temperance legion, of boys and girls, that was both educational and inspirational.

Paul J. Wortman, Anti-Saloon League Superintendent of the Dayton district, delivered a logical address on the subject of temperance.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND SUNDAY SERVICES.

Superintendent Gordon called the Sunday-school to order at 9:00 a.m. after the fine Sunday-school orchestra had rendered a fine selection. Rev. J. P. Stewart led in prayer, and Rev. W. I. Underwood directed the song service, after which the Conference secretary read the lesson that was studied by the classes. The number present at the beginning when the record was made up was 504. The amount of the offering was not heard.

The opening services for worship began at ten o'clock, under the direction of Superintendent Kurtz, Rev. W. C. Niswonger leading in prayer. The Bishop took for his text, First Cor. 15:25. "For he must reign until he hath put all his enemies under his feet."

Paul was optimistic about the kingdom of Jesus Christ: he believed that Christ would reign supreme, finally.

Christ was born a king—he was the incarnation of God. He has charge of all the forces of nature, and controls them as he wills, for he is "God over all."

God says he must reign. His headquarters are no earthly city, but in heaven. The earth is his footstool. The certainty of his success lies in the divine law of sacrifice. Sacrifice is the highest type of this earth life. Isaiah saw the panorama of Christ's life, and exclaimed: "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied."

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Love is the divine law of conquest. Mary's love provided the precious ointment for the Savior's anointing, costly though it was; "Love never faileth," though all else fails. Christianity is now facing her unfinished task of bringing the world to Christ. The law of love would settle all questions of labor and capital, of society—of war that is no part of our civilization.

Sherman spoke the truth when he said "war is hell," it is from below; it transforms this old earth of ours from all that is peaceful and happy, to all that is low and worse than bestial. Dishonesty, debauchery, crime and all sin shall be banished when He comes to reign.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

At the close of the Bishop's helpful sermon, he gave license to preach, to C. W. Loomis, E. Schlotterbeck, J. Hendrix, G. Deck, and William Fuchs, after speaking to them about fostering the spiritual side of the lives of those who shall come under their ministry.

Rev. O. O. Arnold was ordained by the laying on of hands as an elder in the ministry of the ordinances and of the word.

The local congregation presented Brother Arnold a beautiful bouquet in memory of his uncle George who was the loved pastor of this church some years ago. His body was buried, but not his influence.

Following this the Bishop made some remarks in reference to the work of the Stationing Committee, urging the people to receive their pastors as sent of the Lord, and the pastors were urged to deeper consecration, and that they seek to be good pastors.

The Conference "Love Feast" was in charge of Rev. J. A. Pantle, and was a season of spiritual helpfulness to all participating.

The evening service was opened by Rev. M. F. Hawley.

The closing sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Dutton, pastor of the "Cowden Memorial" Church, Dayton, and was a fitting closing to a great Conference.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our beloved Bishop, always earnest, tactful and aggressive, did the best ever, and greatly endeared himself to the brethren by his sweet spirit.

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Rev. W. I. Underwood as Conference chorister takes rank with the best directors of large audiences in singing the gospel of Christ, and then he is always "on the job," ready for his work.

The Elysian Quartet were also always ready with an appropriate selection when called for. Their music adds much to the spirituality of the Conference, and is appreciated more and more.

The local male quartet and choir did excellent service in the evening and the Sabbath services.

The local church organist was both faithful and efficient. The ladies of the local church showed themselves mistresses of the culinary art, both in variety and standard of service.

The pastor, Rev. B. F. Farris, made no noise himself but kept his part going so smoothly that there was perfect system everywhere.

Pleasant will be the memories at Springfield because of the sweet fellowship in the homes of the people, with the lay delegates and the ministers. It was a good Conference. May God abundantly bless every pastor and his parish the coming year.

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REPORT No. 1—CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Bishop, Ministers, and Lay Delegates of Miami Annual Conference, Greetings:

We are this day assembled in the name of our God and the Church in the one hundred and fifth annual session of the Miami Conference. We come to acknowledge the mercies and blessings of our Heavenly Father over us for another year, make record of our labors and tasks accomplished, and to make further plans for the continuation of the task committed to us by our Lord.

The following report is a statement of work done and the condition of the various departments of the Conference work. Some great victories have been achieved and some failures must also be recorded. The success is not due to any one of us alone, nor can the failures be attributed to any one alone, but we have mutually shared in both success and failure, and so together pray for God's blessing on our victories and humbly seek his mercy and pardon for our short-comings and failures.

ORGANIZED CHURCHES

We began the year with one hundred and eleven organized churches. One new class was organized at the Otterbein Home on May 17, with twenty-four charter members, and two have been added since. A Sunday school has also been organized with ninety-three members enrolled. Dr. J. R. King has had charge of the preaching services and has supplied the pulpit in person or by visiting brethren.

The Norwood Church was sold in March, according to the recommendation of the Conference Board of trustees one year ago, and since that time there has been no regular preaching service. E. S. Comrey was appointed to this charge immediately after Conference and served as pastor until February 1, and will submit a report for the class.

It was the intention when the church was sold that the class should buy a lot and build a chapel and continue the work, but there seemed not to be sufficient interest to take such a step at that time. Some definite action should be taken by this Conference relative to this class.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

U. B. Brubaker resigned Norwood immediately after Conference, and E. S. Comrey was appointed. R. Showers resigned Belmont im-

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mediately after Conference, and G. R. Strayer was appointed. B. F. West resigned Englewood November 15, and W. H. Smelker was appointed. S. G. Zeigler resigned Wagner and Aley February 10, and V. Thompson was appointed. E. H. Farris resigned Cheviot January 15, and E. S. Comrey was appointed. The Oregonia and Utica charge was made vacant by the death of H. F. Reber April 22, and H. L. Harkins was appointed. Kingsville was also made vacant by the death of H. F. Reber, and C. E. Rettew was appointed. Dr. J. G. Huber was appointed temporary supply of First Church immediately after Conference and later was appointed permanent supply and has served this congregation very acceptably.

At the first quarterly conference of the Salem charge the Potsdam class requested to be released from supporting the pastor on the Salem charge and to have a pastor appointed to Potsdam. This request was granted, and W. H. Smelker was appointed. The class paid \$270 for the rest of the year and furnished the parsonage, and have arranged and provided for a budget of \$900 for the coming year, \$500 on salary and \$172 on Conference budget, and the balance on local expenses.

This is an example of what can be done on some of our country fields, and indicates the policy to be pursued in building up our country and village churches.

LICENSE TO PREACH.

The following brethren were granted license to preach: H. L. Harkins, from Euclid Avenue, H. E. Smelker, Salem, H. L. Myers, Belmont, Ray Applegate, Union City.

The following had their licenses renewed by the quarterly conference:

C. A. Baldwin, Euclid Avenue, C. W. Loomis, Ft. McKinley, G. Stein, Troy Street, E. Schlotterbeck, Lewisburg, J. Hendrix, Lewisburg, R. Love, Lockington, G. Fuchs, New Haven, G. Deck, Clifton.

The following are recommended for annual conference license:

C. W. Loomis, E. Schlotterbeck, J. Hendrix, G. Deck, Wm. Fuchs.

DEDICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The Union City congregation enlarged the auditorium and fitted up the basement for social purposes at a cost of \$2,000 and formally reopened the church on November 30, with special services conducted by Bishop Mathews. The old parsonage was also sold and a lot purchased adjoining the church property on which a new parsonage has been built costing \$2,400. This furnishes a splendid church plant for this growing congregation. C. W. Stephens, the

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pastor has given fine leadership to this church and enjoyed five very prosperous years with his congregation.

The Lewisburg congregation excavated under the church building and fitted up a good basement for social and Sunday-school purposes costing about \$1,000. June 28 was observed as a special day of anniversary and re-opening. Dr. J. M. Phillippi had charge of the services. Repairs were also made on the parsonage amounting to about \$200. W. T. Frank and his people have done splendid work in continuing the history of the past hundred and more years.

The Zion Church on the North Bend charge, which was blown down by storm and lightning over a year ago, was rebuilt at a cost of \$6,100, and was dedicated by Bishop Mathews on August 2. Insurance and subscriptions secured previously amounted to about \$3,400, and \$2,700 remained to be secured on day of dedication. This is a beautiful church structure out in the open country and a great credit to the pastor, W. C. Andreas and congregation and the community.

The Miamisburg Church, which was enlarged and remodeled, was dedicated by Bishop G. M. Mathews, August 16. The auditorium was enlarged, pulpit changed, new pews, carpet, basement, kitchen, furnace room, and toilets, all costing about \$9,000. The old parsonage was sold and a new parsonage built costing about \$2,200. W. I. Underwood has enjoyed a good year with his people and a new and promising future lies before this congregation.

The Beardshear Chapel was destroyed by storm July 13. This church stood for fifty-four years and sent out a stream of influence on two generations. The congregation decided to rebuild and August 9, was set as a special day to secure subscriptions. Morning and afternoon services were held in a tent, in charge of the superintendent, and \$2,040 was secured in good signed subscriptions. A soliciting committee was appointed to continue the work and \$960 has been secured additional. The trustees have given some contracts and will push the work at once. J. J. Mullaney has been pastor of this congregation for four years and has the affairs of the church in good condition for this new enterprise.

The Belmont congregation under the leadership of G. R. Strayer, has enjoyed a good year and has purchased a lot adjoining the church for a parsonage and has already paid for the same. Thirteen hundred dollars has been secured on subscription for the parsonage and as soon as the arrangements can be made the parsonage will be built.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Englewood class the board of trustees was instructed to proceed to remodel the church. Subscriptions amounting to a thousand dollars have been secured and about \$500 paid in cash with which to do this work.

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The chapel at College Hill, which was used for five years for church services, was remodeled and transformed into a parsonage, at a cost of \$1,000, and has been occupied by the pastor, R. M. Fox and family for about five months of this year.

The following amounts were paid on debts and improvements:

Springfield	\$2,000
High Street	900
Otterbein	145
Vandalia	117
Troy Street	225
Olivet	306
Belmont	305
Harrison	260
Piqua	660
Ithaca	300
Millville	90
Columbus Avenue	270
Salem	150
North Bend	1,404
College Hill	2,031
Mt. Healthy	155
Euclid Avenue	4,900
First Church	300
Newport	522
Fairview	1,682
Lewisburg	1,400
Hamilton	325
Rosburg	85
Liberty	400
Brookville	450
Willey Memorial	361
Cheviot	78
Beavertown	203

ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.

Springfield	\$2,000
Savona	350
Rosburg	85
New Madison	538
New Haven	72
Englewood	78
East Dayton	660
Carrmonte	200
Miamisburg	4,215
Hartford Street	845
Middletown	910

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Oak Street	989
Cherry Grove	225

REVIVALS AND EVANGELISM.

About all of the churches in the Conference held special evangelistic meetings with very good results in conversions and accessions. There have been about seventeen hundred members added to the churches and there have been some more conversions. This brings us up to our record of the past three years and indicates the steady and substantial growth of our churches and the constant and persistent efforts put forth in evangelism and soul winning. The united campaign in Dayton, in which our own churches co-operated heartily resulted in great good to all of the churches, and some good meetings were held in other sections of the Conference—at Germantown by Dr. Swift, who also conducted a good meeting at West Manchester, at Union City by N. Honeywell, and a number of splendid meetings were conducted by pastors at Oak Street, Miamisburg, Ithaca, Euclid Avenue, Hartford Street, and other points.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday schools are generally doing splendid work. Our superintendents are becoming more efficient and the attendance has been good. The offerings have exceeded those of previous years and most of the schools have contributed regularly to missions, and many have contributed to the local budget also. Visitors' Day was observed for the first time by many of the schools with good results, and also Children's Day in most schools.

Only a few teacher training classes have been conducted this year. Much more should be done along this line. The Lagonda Sunday school graduated a class of seventeen with special graduating exercises conducted by President Clippinger, July 26. The Conference Sunday-school convention at Vandalia was well attended and a fine program carried out.

A few schools made offerings on the Cowden Chair. There are one hundred and eleven Sunday schools in the Conference, seventy-one cradle rolls, and forty-six home departments; a total enrollment of about twenty-three hundred.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The young peoples societies have done fairly good work this year. Some new societies have been organized and a few have been disbanded. The Branch Convention was well attended by a fine lot of young people and a good degree of enthusiasm was manifest. The policy for this year is not to attempt

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anything toward any branch enterprise, but to contribute to the local benevolence budget. The Conference has been divided into a number of districts and a leader appointed in each who will look after organizing new societies and arrange for rallies, mission study, and the interests of the branch. C. B. Boda was re-elected president and is planning well for the work.

LITERATURE.

Our literature is being fairly well circulated throughout the Conference. The Telescope took an advance in subscriptions during the short term subscription period and many of our pastors did splendid work, but not all of these subscriptions have been maintained. The list as it stands now is one thousand, three hundred and forty-one, which is an increase of one hundred and thirty over last year.

The Watchword has a wide circulation in our Sunday schools and is very much appreciated, as is also the Bible Teacher. Our own quarterlies are used in about all of our schools and the graded lessons are being used in quite a goodly number of the schools.

I would suggest that the booklets, tracts, and leaflets put out by the various departments, on missions, Christian stewardship, church erection, and giving be distributed in a more systematic way among our people in order to inform them of the needs of these departments and enlist them in the larger life of the church and kingdom.

FINANCES.

The finances have received much attention during the year. This is an important part of the work of the Conference and also of each local congregation. The spiritual life of the church will be enhanced or hindered in proportion that the finances are taken care of. The churches that are solving this problem are as a rule progressing the most spiritually and in substantial growth. I have tried to carry out the plans of the General Conference and the Finance Commission in the system adopted and thus maintain the unity of the Conference in this phase of our work. This is the first year for the budget system and in general it has worked well, wherever it has been properly understood and worked.

Twenty-one congregations have used the single, and forty-three the double budget system, and the every member canvass was made in about all of the congregations for the local budget in the beginning of the year. The great majority also made the every member canvass for the benevolences in the early part of the year. The churches that looked after this matter early in the year and continued tactfully and persistently will mostly report in full and others that have deferred the matter have found it difficult to come up in these last months.

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There are 34 charges that will report in full, and 33 charges will report short to the extent of \$2,278. We have had some special funds reported which will help out on the general budget, and I am hopeful that we can report the \$14,100, general budget in full. The pastors' salaries were increased \$3,367 at the beginning of the year. The minimum salary requires \$366 on four fields of labor, Union Circuit, Rossburg, Harrison, and Savona.

The Christmas offerings for the Otterbein Home amount to \$976.

SPECIAL GATHERINGS.

Five institutes were held in the early part of the year at Greenville, College Hill, Harrison, Springfield, and Middletown. Plans and methods for the larger work of the Church and Conference were considered. Drs. Kendall, Brubaker, Landis, Whitney, and Siddall, rendered splendid help in representing the general church work. The pastors also did good work in representing the local church interests. The Laymen did not attend as well as we had hoped.

The Bishops' District Council, held in Dayton, February 18-19 in charge of our Bishop, and attended by the nine superintendents, was a meeting of great profit to all in fellowship and uniting us all in the general work.

The Men's Congress held in Dayton, May 5-7, was a meeting of great influence and power and of great profit to our Conference. More than one hundred and twenty-five of our men attended.

The Christian Endeavor Convention at Brookville, the Sunday-school Convention at Vandalia, and the Woman's Branch meeting at Greenville were all well attended and meetings of great good.

Home comings and all day meetings were held at Zion, Hillgrove, Farmersville, Phillipsburg, West Elkton. These were splendid gatherings and to some extent take the place of the old time quarterly meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the funds received from the U. B. Publishing House on Preachers' Aid, and the funds now in the permanent Preachers' Aid fund, be transferred to the general fund and be used in the annual appropriations on preachers' aid.

2. That all itinerants who have served continuously in the Conference for forty years and over receive \$300, those having served thirty years and over \$250, and those having served twenty years and over \$200, annually.

3. That a strong committee be appointed on evangelism and a vigorous campaign be planned for the coming year, by dividing the Conference into districts and appointing the most capable

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pastor as leader in that district and plans be made for a united campaign in each district. Also that a conference evangelist be elected by the Conference, who shall give full time to the work, under the direction of the committee on evangelism. The salary shall be secured by special offerings and gifts and a guarantee fund of at least twelve dollars from the Conference Church Extension fund.

4. That the budget for the Conference be the same as the last year and that the budget system be continued and the every member canvass be made on every charge, tactfully and persistently, with the purpose of enlisting those who are not supporting either the local church or the benevolence budget, to contribute something, and thus save them for the kingdom and also make them a factor in extending the kingdom.

5. That E. Schlotterbeck, C. W. Loomis, W. Fuchs, G. Deck, E. K. Rogers, be recommended for aid from the Beneficiary Educational fund.

6. That a vigorous religious educational campaign be carried on through the Sunday school, C. E. Society and especially by pastors in special classes in order that all children and adults be given special instruction relative to church membership, religious duties and the fundamental doctrines of the Church, in order to more thoroughly establish them in the faith and thus prevent the great loss that we sustain from year to year.

PERSONAL.

This is my eighth annual report to this Conference, my seventh as superintendent of the Conference. My official schedule of services will show that I have tried to do a full year's work. There were few days during the year that I did not attend to some official duties. I have used almost every hour, not occupied in official duties, in reading and study and preparation for my work.

Sixty-six quarterly meetings were held the first quarter, thirty-one Sunday services were attended, and eighteen board and committee meetings making a total of one hundred and fifteen services attended.

Thirty-one quarterly meetings were held the second quarter, twenty-six Sunday services. I arranged for and conducted the institutes at Greenville, College Hill, Harrison, and Springfield.

Fifty quarterly meetings were held the third quarter, twenty-three Sunday services attended and conducted the institute at Middletown.

Sixty-seven quarterly meetings were held the fourth quarter, twenty-seven Sunday services and also the sessions of the C. E. Convention at Brookville. This makes a total of one hundred and seven Sunday services, two hundred and fourteen quarterly meet-

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ings besides the board and committee meetings and other gatherings.

I wish to record my appreciation for the kindness and favors of my brethren in the ministry, the hospitality of the members of the churches the kindly reception of the congregations, the increasing interest on the part of the churches shown by the better attendance at the quarterly meeting occasions and the faithful cooperation of the officials of the churches of the Conference. The Conference and churches were never better organized for united and aggressive work than at present. May the Lord bless us all in our mutual and united efforts to establish the kingdom of our God.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. KURTZ,
Superintendent.

REPORT NO. 2—PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

In the sphere of politics, of economics or of business, the printing press wields a wonderful power to advance or retard its progress. In the onward march of civilization, it has been a mighty factor in its advance toward a higher goal, in whatever nation it has been adopted. No less has it been a powerful factor to awaken a more finished culture, a stronger intellectuality, a deeper piety and a broader vision in the church of Jesus Christ. Experience has taught that when one becomes interested in Christian literature, he soon becomes interested in the church and her work, and often interested in his own soul and the souls of others. Many a boy is in the church to-day because his parents had lying on the table a religious paper to which he had access. Another boy has come out of some other fold into the United Brethren Church, because one day a preacher stopped and asked his father to take the "Telescope," which soon interested him.

In 1834, just eighty years ago, by faith the publishing interests of this Church had its birth. The total cost of equipment, consisting of property and presses, was \$1,600 and this was borrowed money. In 1853, the plant was moved to Dayton. The assets then were \$18,936.98 and liabilities \$3,759.40, a gain of \$15,177.58. In 1861, the net assets were \$37,642.44, but on account of business methods then practiced, only \$12,197.28 was considered collectable. In 1881, the net assets of the House had reached the sum of \$162,726.17, when the business began to branch out.

In 1897, when the present management assumed charge, the net assets were \$283,383.04. It was with this amount the agent and trustees began to plan for the needs of the Church in the century to come.

In 1901, the debt had been cancelled and money was loaned. In 1905, the large office building was erected, invoiced at \$425,000,

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and valued by a New York insurance company at \$625,000. This with the one hundred feet of property fronting on Main and Market streets, aside from machinery and equipment, is worth \$1,000,000. The management expects to add to this central property, and when completed it will be fourteen stories high. It will be known as the "Otterbein Office Building."

On Fifth Street, property has been purchased and a reinforced concrete building is being constructed worth \$175,000, which is to serve as a factory building. It is expected to dedicate the building on November 1, which will be the eightieth anniversary of the Religious Telescope.

The object is to make the office building a great endowment to the Church with an income of \$200,000, plus the income from the publishing side of the House of at least \$50,000, making an annual income of at least \$250,000.

A further object is to furnish the Church with the highest grade of literature possible, that our people may be made better in character and strength and service.

Of course, there is debt, but as the work in the beginning was assumed by faith, and by faith has reached such enormous positive proportions, we can safely rest our faith in the wise management of the interests, that their plans will be worked out.

We as a Conference should heartily endorse these plans and objects, and pledge our co-operation and support of the same by promptly settling all accounts, and by working in harmony with the management.

We rejoice with the management that the Telescope circulation has reached the number of 25,500, the Watchword, 46,000, and Friends, 40,000, and that there has been such a great gain in Sunday-school literature. Before buying our book literature, we should especially examine that published by our own House, and give it preference whenever possible, advising our people to do the same. The "Sanctuary Hymnal" of which 6,000 have been sold in three months, should have the widest possible use in our churches.

We express our approval and appreciation of and confidence in the general manager, the board of trustees, the executive committee and their associates, in the great work they are doing for the Church; and we renew our pledge to be loyal in our support and co-operation in all the interests of the work, and pray that the blessing of Almighty God may still rest upon this great work of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. POWELL.

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REPORT No. 3—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

The following men appeared before the committee and were examined one by one: R. E. Schlotterbeck, Lewisburg, residence, 1548 West Second Street, Dayton, Ohio; C. W. Loomis, Ft. McKinley; Wm. J. Fuchs, New Haven; J. P. Hendrix, Lewisburg, George L. Deck, Clifton.

They all gave good answers to questions asked. Their educational qualifications being satisfactory, and their intention being to continue preparation in seminary or college, we recommend that they be received into the Conference.

W. G. CLIPPINGER,
W. T. FRANK,
C. B. BODA.

REPORT No. 4—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES AND FINANCES.

In session August 25 and 26.

1. That the matter of Norwood Station be left in hands of Conference Board of Trustees.

2. That Pleasant Hill and New Hope be separated and each constitute a separate charge.

3. That Potsdam be made a separate charge.

4. Moved, that Salem, Phillipsburg, and Arlington constitute a charge.

5. That Wagner and Aley each be made separate charges.

6. That Carrmonte be voted \$150 for coming year from Conference Extension Fund.

7. That Newport Mission be granted \$100 this year, with the understanding that hereafter it shall be self-supporting.

8. That Ft. McKinley be left in the hands of Board of Trustees.

9. That the budget remain the same as last year.

10. That in harmony with the recommendation of the Conference Superintendent, that we adopt the budget of \$20,000, and that the pastors be urged, and through them, we urge the churches to make an every-member-canvass and provide for the whole budget at the beginning of the year and to report monthly to the Conference Treasurer any amount on hand.

11. That there be one district for this Conference.

C. W. KURTZ,
President of Committee.

REPORT No. 5—THE CHALLENGE OF THE HOME FIELD.

Every high call is a challenge to the best there is in a man. No call comes more urgently than that of the ripe harvest field.

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Ever since Jesus sued the illustration, the call to the church has been the call of need, and opportunities that required quick seizing in order to prevent irreparable loss.

The needs and opportunities that have confronted the church, may have differed in the different eras of her history; but certainly she has never faced a world field of opportunity, such as she faces to-day. The church of America has as a part of her field, that one whose calls come with increasing insistence, the Home Field.

America is a phenomenon of history, a fact unforeseen by men a half century ago. Upon this continent was born a free nation, whose name became a synonym for opportunity. This country is a world power, and a center of world reaching influence. Certain forces have been at work that threaten calamity.

Calamities come suddenly sometimes; but usually causes have been at work to produce them, perhaps hidden and unsuspected.

The calamity of the European war is now seen to have had its causes and tendencies at work for a long time.

I had not thought that a war like this would be possible in this advanced age. I am getting more apprehensive than I used to be because things that I thought impossible are taking place.

Calamities are just as sure as the continued working of their causes. The only way to prevent calamities, is to stop the working of their causes. Men like Josiah Strong, in books and literature, as well as Home Mission Boards, have been trying to arouse the Church to apprehension, because of threatened calamity in our national life.

Facts and conditions are such that the church in America is challenged to save this country. Evils maturing, irreligion, all constitute a challenge, and how to meet this challenge is found in the latest home mission study book: "The New Home Missions."

These are great days for the nation, the world, and for the church. Well might the first century apostles have coveted the privilege of being modern apostles in the twentieth century church of America.

Our mission boards will meet these opportunities just as quickly as the Church permits them to advance. Let us keep before us the mountain top vision of the great field before the Church, and meet the unprecedented challenge of need and opportunity.

C. B. BODA.

REPORT NO. 5½—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A careful study of social and political conditions both in the eastern and western hemispheres will reveal to us that this is the golden age of Christian missions. That the Christian church has

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achieved some victories in the recent past and that the immediate future is bright with opportunity, are facts for education and inspiration. There are some things to thwart our zeal and daunt our courage for the church of Christ has suffered some reverses, yet the great current of Christian thought and influence is flowing out to all nations.

Just at this time we stand amazed and bewildered in the presence of a great European war. It is hard to believe that civilized nations, Christian nations will rise up and draw the sword upon one another, but they have; and now the whole Christian world is praying earnestly to Almighty God the supreme ruler of nations to stay the cruel hand of war and bring peace through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. As a Christian people we are not only sorrow stricken, we are discouraged. We had hoped that through the efforts of good men, men who love God and love their fellow men, these awful wars might be averted, especially between civilized nations. But if history repeats itself again, out of this great war, out of this national confusion will come more glorious opportunities for the Church of Jesus Christ.

This is unquestionably the decisive hour for Christian Missions. Instead of local opportunities, and national opportunities we have world opportunities. There is no country of any considerable size into which the gospel of Jesus Christ may not be carried and be received at least by some. The non-Christian nations are undergoing wonderful changes, racial, social, and economic. Contemporary and co-ordinate with these changes is the religious movement. Many of these non-Christian nations are abandoning their ancient faiths, their ethical restraints. Their social orders are non-effective for they have lost their significance. In these countries of change there are many people who have no religion and no standard of ethics. They are living a barren, wanton life. Shall the Christian church supply this great need or will we permit them to go down through life void of that which is noblest and best. This is a time of testing for the Church and unless we rise to meet the opportunity of to-day God will forever hold us responsible.

There is danger sometimes in a wide comprehensive view that we do not see anything very clearly or very definitely. It is the concrete and not the abstract that makes us effective. Therefore, as members of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, we should look carefully at our own fields and resolve according to their needs. Dr. Hough in his Year's Review tells us there are two things very apparent in the foreign work. First, that the native churches are becoming zealous in soul winning. Second, they are developing the principles of Christian Stewardship and are striving to become self-supporting. The report from the

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churches in Africa shows that they have increased in self-support from \$793 to \$1,787 in one year, a net gain of 125%. At the same time their gifts to missionary work increased from \$764 to \$1,022. Our church at Freetown is now self-supporting and will this year contribute \$150 for missions in other parts of the Church. In Japan and in China steps have recently been taken to make these churches self-supporting so far as possible without hindering the more important part of the work.

Our churches in Japan are entering into the great, three year, national campaign for souls. A church that has a passion for souls is sure to win. That which makes the work conspicuous in China this year is the removal of Miller Seminary from Canton to Siu Lam. There are now eighty girls in attendance. With this new environment more and better work can be done. More members have been received into the Chinese churches this year than in any previous year. The most remarkable growth in our mission fields is found in the Philippines. The work in the Philippine Islands is only ten years old but to-day they have thirty-five churches with a membership of 2,223. And a Sunday-school enrollment of nearly 2,000. These facts are all interesting and inspiring but past achievements will not suffice for the future.

With your permission I wish to read the immediate need of new buildings and equipment as set forth by Dr. Hough.

CALL FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

There has been a decided delay in the erection of new buildings in our foreign fields owing to the lack of funds. A number of small chapels have been erected by the natives themselves. The Building and Equipment Campaign ordered two years ago called for \$40,000 annually for these new buildings. Our missionaries have been at work preparing for the advance. Call after call of the most pressing, painful character has come to the office from these faithful workers.

A new church and dispensary building for our work at Canton, China, is now of the most urgent character. The present dilapidated building in which Dr. Bigler conducts her vast medical work is in danger of collapsing at any time. The plan is to erect a combined chapel and dispensary building at a cost of \$8,000.

Grounds and a physician's residence must be provided in Siu Lam in connection with the new hospital. The building for the Miller Seminary should not be delayed a single month, or we endanger the lives of our missionaries as well as the success of the school, now so promising. Twelve thousand dollars are needed for the Boys' Grammar School in South China.

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Similar needs exist in Japan, the Philippines, and Porto Rico, and will be presented through the reports of the superintendents of their respective fields. The campaign for these new buildings has been unavoidably delayed until this time, but how much longer shall these distressingly urgent calls be unheeded by the home churches?

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP.

An absolute essential in establishing a native church is a strong native ministry. In West Africa special training is provided at the Albert Academy, while in Japan, China, and the Philippines we are uniting with other missions in securing adequate preparation for our workers. Bishop Howard will report the present status of the plans for a union training school in Porto Rico. In each of our foreign fields larger responsibility is being placed from year to year upon the native ministers. The steady growth of the power and efficiency of our native ministers is reason for great thanksgiving to God.

But we need something more than money. We need men and women who will go to the field to teach and preach. Not to bury themselves in oblivion until their next furlough but to become a powerful influence for good, never to be forgotten. At this time our foreign board would like to have two families to go to Japan. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers for the field.

There are three things that we must do if the work of the kingdom is to be carried forward in the foreign field. First, we must educate the people at home. Our people must be informed of the conditions and the need. There is no one to do this important work but the ministry. If more of our sermons were aflame with the spirit of missions, the Church would be more responsive to the earnest appeal coming to us from the missionary. Fundamental to all missionary work is information and education. When people have been informed and made to see then they will feel. Hence my second thought; namely, inspiration. Men never become inspired until they are quite familiar with the subject in hand. When a people become inspired they will rise to meet any need. The third need is missionaries and money. To plead for money without inspiration will be futile. No one has ever volunteered to be a missionary who has not been inspired. Missionaries and money is only the external expression of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men.

In this great missionary age we cannot afford for the sake of the kingdom of God abroad, to neglect instruction at home. In our Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies we should have regular, systematic instruction concerning the Church in other countries. We should often in our sermons make practical

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applications to the foreign work, of spiritual fervor. Let us always keep before our people the need that they will feel the responsibility.

A. R. CLIPPINGER.

REPORT No. 6—A SUNDAY-SCHOOL INCREASE CAMPAIGN.

This is a day of campaigns not only of nation against nation in daily conflict, but also of spiritual forces against the powers of darkness in conquest of the world for Christ. There is a loud call to the Sunday-school forces of the world for an "Increase" campaign. That such a campaign may be realized, it will be necessary to know the conditions because of which it is made imperative, a few essential characteristics to be successful and the good that comes to the school in impressing upon it the spirit of evangelism.

1. (a) The Sunday-school is probably the chief source of religious instruction and all people need it. Ex-president Taft once said, "We feel that the Sunday-school is necessary to secure moral uplift and religious spirit." To solve our industrial, political, economic, educational, and religious problems will require the righting of men's lives since these problems are made such by men who are wrong at heart. The business of the Sunday-school is the righting of men's lives through education and consecration of themselves to God and to His service.

(b) That the Sunday school is the greatest feeder to our churches, statistics prove. About seventy-five or eighty per cent. of our church membership is derived from this source. An increase in the Sunday school means an increase in the church.

(c) The number yet outside the ranks of the Sunday school is enormous. Only sixteen per cent. of our population are within these ranks. For every boy and girl in the Sunday school there are five outside. Youth being the most impressionable period of life, shall we be content not to reach out in all our strength and power to bring them in? There is but one answer—the numbers in must increase and those out must decrease.

2. (a) A successful campaign must be carried on in enthusiasm. No sales agent ever had reason for more enthusiasm over what he represents than we have over the Sunday school. The needs of the case as before stated and its adequacy to meet them inspires us with the necessary zeal for success. We believe in it, and enthusiasm is fire and fire makes steam, and steam gives power, and power brings success.

(b) There must also be organization and some definite plans laid. All should be enlisted and the territory outlined for visitation. Contests, if there be such, need careful leadership to avoid trouble. The maintenance of the Cradle Roll and Home Department are helpful in interesting and enlisting many other-

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wise not possible to get. After we have done all we can do, then what else?

(c) A dependence on God. This is Christ's own work, and shall we not remember what He said, "Without me ye can do nothing" and know with Paul that our sufficiency is not of ourselves but of God? Christ came "to seek and to save that which is lost." Therefore, "wait thou upon the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass."

3. Besides numbers, an "Increase" campaign will increase the interest of those in for those outside yet unreached, one of the most needy conditions to make a Sunday-school evangelistic. We must seek greater efficiency in the teaching and training work of the school and remember also that Jesus said "other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring," so, too, the thousands outside the Sunday-school fold must be brought in if we would have the spirit of Christ. The evangelistic school means perpetual increase.

As Isaiah beheld in vision the future Christ in his kingdom, he said, "and of the increase of his government there shall be no end." This prophecy has been and will be fulfilled largely because of the Sunday school, for the work thereof is the work of making Christ King in every life through the study of the word of God. God give us all a great Sunday-school increase.

A. E. BITTNER.

REPORT NO. 7. EVANGELISM.

Evangelistic opportunities of Miami Conference are great. The field is white unto harvest, unsaved, backsliders, indifferent, and luke-warm persons are found in great numbers. The Church needs a gospel that saves and keeps saved, and fits us to win the unsaved. The cry comes from honest hearts for evangelistic meetings that will touch the hearts of the unsaved and lead them into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The success of evangelistic work does not depend upon a high priced man or talented singer, but upon a consecrated ministry, backed up by a spiritual and wide awake laity. The church has fallen into formality and therefore has no great passion for the unsaved, conscience deadened, and professors are on par with unsaved.

Thousands pay their gate fee to some show or entertainment. The church has no special attraction to many. I ask, has the gospel lost its power to win and save men or has the church lost its grip upon God's word? How the spirit of God must have gripped and played upon the heart of Charles Finney, Otterbein, and others in winning the unsaved. Let us open the windows of our souls and beg heaven to breath upon us the old time Pentecostal

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revival spirit. Opportunities pass by on account of the money proposition, our faith, hearts, and money fail us. The Church is abundantly able to undertake large propositions for God. The Church has the material both in the ministry and laity, silver, gold, lands, and consecrated hearts are our possessions. Conditions must be met, the Church must be revived before the unsaved are touched.

The study of God's word is necessary, preaching must be plain, practical, driven by the Holy Ghost. The Church must be willing to pay the price to bring about revival conditions. Our prayer meetings must take on new life, official boards must have larger visions and plan for greater and more aggressive work with their pastors.

To make possible the evangelistic, I would suggest, a strong committee, with Superintendent to arrange for aggressive group meetings over the Conference, using the ministers and laymen of the Conference.

Conference should have a special fund, secured through free will offerings. The Conference ought to have a large tent, the same might be secured through donation. The Conference ought to select an evangelist to carry forward this special work. The United Brethren Church was born in a gracious outpouring of God's spirit. The church lives and thrives in the midst of great revival influence. I therefore beg for a new consecration among the ministry and laity and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, to create within us a great passion for the salvation of the unsaved.

A. DUNKELBERGER.

REPORT NO. 9—HOW ENLIST THE LOCAL CHURCH IN OUR UNITED WORK.

In our united work plan we are beginning to do business for the Lord in a business-like way. Thus the first element of success in establishing the plan is to be assured that it is the product of unselfish, prayerful business-like thought and observation. Mere schemes for raising money are not likely to meet with any great degree of permanent success and no sincere pastor will care very much to work there.

The pastor's part in the plan is to inspire others with the desire and determination to work it. There needs to be an every-member-cavass of each field of labor by a committee willing to repeat it two or three times a year if necessary. It requires much personal solicitation to get our people to bring their offerings into the Lord's treasury even though they may be convinced that it is their duty to do so.

We believe that the Conference Superintendent might profitably be relieved from the work of the four times a year business meet-

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ing in order to devote a part of his time to helping pastors work this plan thoroughly. It seems all important that larger sums of money be brought into our Church treasuries. Then should we not throw all the strength possible toward the accomplishing of the task?

More attention must be given to the making of Christians who will live the abiding life of this or any other movement for the glory of God and the upbuilding of his kingdom is to be a success. We fail to do this many times by some of our modern evangelistic methods. According to the genius of our Church doctrines, we are supposed to require of people that they be saved before entering the Church—not that they enter in order to obtain a religious experience. Let us not preach regeneration and then because of our ambition to count numbers let people in some other way than by the way of the cross.

But the work of making staunch Christians who will be under every burden of the kingdom is not altogether a matter of regeneration, but also a development. We are just as responsible for this work as the other, and more is lost to the church because it is not done. This is not the place to speak of methods but the need is insistent. We should not seek success for a year but do permanent work which will make permanent success possible and we can do this by getting the Redeemer's kingdom to be the supreme thing in the lives of those for whom we are responsible.

D. R. WILSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICY.

Resolved, 1. That we approve the recommendations of the Conference Superintendent on evangelism. That a Conference evangelist be appointed by the Stationing Committee, who shall give his entire time to evangelistic work in the Conference under the supervision of a committee appointed by the Bishop.

2. That we recognize the unprecedented opportunity before us to seek to evangelize the world in this generation; and gladly accept our share of the responsibility, both in the home and foreign field.

3. That we approve of the organization of brotherhoods wherever it is possible in every church and Sunday school.

4. That we pledge ourselves to every reasonable movement looking to the enlarging of the endowment of Otterbein University, so that the facilities of this great institution may meet every modern requirement.

5. We urge that whenever it is at all possible, that the young men entering the ministry in this Conference, be urged to take a full college and seminary course.

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6. That we endorse the "Increase Campaign" in all our Sunday schools, and that January, February, and March be especially given to evangelistic effort in all our churches; and that every Sunday-school officer and teacher be urged to seek especially to lead all the scholars in our Sunday schools to Christ.

[Signed] Committee.

REPORT NO. 11—SECOND YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

W. C. Andreas appeared before your Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading and passed a creditable examination in the following tests: Old Testament History, 85%; The Preacher by Hoyt, 80%; History of the United Brethren Church, 90%, and the book of Galatians, 75%. We therefore recommend, that he be passed to third year's course.

J. G. HUBER,
B. F. FARRIS,
J. W. FLORY,

Committee.

REPORT NO. 11½—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

Brother O. O. Arnold appeared before the committee and passed a very creditable examination on the books required. He read some of the books recommended. We recommend that he be excused from further course of study.

W. C. NISWONGER,
G. W. HAMILTON,
C. W. STEPHENS.

REPORT NO. 12—EVANGELISM.

1. That the funds received from the U. B. Publishing House on Preachers' Aid, and the funds now in the permanent Preachers' Aid fund, be transferred to the general fund and be used in the annual appropriations on Preachers' Aid.

2. That superannuated itinerants, who have served continuously in the Conference, as active itinerants for forty years and over, receive \$300, those serving thirty years and under forty, \$250, and those serving twenty years and under thirty, \$200, annually; that all other cases be taken care of by the Conference Board of Trustees.

3. That a strong committee be appointed on evangelism, and a vigorous campaign be planned for the coming year, by dividing the Conference into districts and appointing a capable pastor as leader in that district, and plans be made for a united campaign in each district.

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Also that a Conference evangelist be appointed by the Stationing Committee, who shall give full time to the work, under the direction of the Committee on Evangelism. The salary shall be secured by special offerings and gifts and special offerings where the meetings are held, and that a salary of \$1,200, be guaranteed from the Conference Extension fund.

J. L. SWAIN,
J. H. DUTTON,
J. W. FLORY,
H. C. PEARCE,
J. M. REPLOGLE,

Committee.

REPORT NO. 13—CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.

As we think of the millions of endeavorers in all lands bound together in service and love and worship, do we not see what Christian Endeavor has done for the world in the last thirty-three years?

Dr. Clark says the fundamental principles are devotion, obligation, and expression. "The devotion that furnishes the motive and makes the obligation no grievous task, but a joyous duty; the devotion that makes the expression by word as well as deed, and by deed as well as word, as necessary as bloom to the living flower, as song to the living bird, as speech and action to the living man."

Christian Endeavor has the most comprehensive program of any organization in the Church; and by rightful place becomes the school-master to teach and train the youth in efficiency in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Christian Endeavor stands for socialism, not political but Christian, which makes us realize that we are all God's children called to serve Him and to serve one another. That we recognize our fellows as our equals, and entitled to the same privileges and blessings as we.

Christian Endeavor always reminds us of fellowship, and the Christian Endeavor pin introduces one to good fellowship everywhere. In prayer meetings, socials, business meetings at home and abroad there is fellowship with all endeavorers.

Christian Endeavor aims to make good citizens; men and women, who stand on Christian principles, believing in temperance and the abolition of the saloon, voting their convictions.

Christian Stewardship is a plank in the program believing in the divine plan of financing the kingdom. And the kingdom of God to be made first in service, therefore the missionary spirit is the mountain peak of Christian Endeavor.

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Is there any organization in the Church so far reaching as this? Beginning with the timid undeveloped young Christian training him in devotion, obligation and expression, making him such a Christian citizen who unflinchingly stands for that which is right and opposes that which is wrong, believing in the final triumph of right.

Christian Endeavor gives the pastor splendid opportunity to get close to his young people in directing their energies in wholesome amusements and Christian Endeavor.

Since our Church has adopted the United Policy of Church finance it will be quite necessary for us to get our Christian Endeavor societies to pledge to the benevolent budget at the beginning of the Conference year, if this is not emphasized, our endeavor offerings will be greatly diminished.

One recommendation at the Brookville Convention was "that each local society co-operate fully with the local church in raising the benevolent budget."

As I look over the world I ask myself the question, who are these who advocate peace and are leaders in the great reforms of temperance and social purity?

Who are these who are offering themselves as ministers and missionaries?

Who are these who welcome the new pastor and stand for the administration of the Church?

Who are these who undertake the task assigned them "trusting in the Lord Jesus for strength?" The answer is: These are Christian Endeavorers.

M. I. COMFORT.

REPORT NO. 14—CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REPORT.

The question of church support is one in which we are all interested. All over our denominational territory the cry is going up, how can we adequately meet the demands that are being put upon us year after year? In our Conference during the past few weeks the different churches have been planning their finance for the coming year. Many of them no doubt have been meeting with grave difficulties. There is a cause for all this eruption. To find the cause, then remove it is what most all our churches are striving for.

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of harmony, peace, and order. For his work to progress through human representatives we must carry out the principles laid down by our Master himself as the head of this kingdom. The word of God, written, and spoken, has been handed down as the great text for his people to follow. In it, if carefully analyzed we find the cause, as well as the remedy for all this difficulty. But above it all our hearts are made to rejoice to-day because we are members of a denomi-

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nation that is incorporating in its financial policy the principles that make for harmony, peace and order, thus giving to us all, ministry and laity alike, the opportunity of wielding the sword of righteousness in the field that is now ripe unto harvest.

The God of heaven and of earth with all the wealth of the world in his hands need not want in the support of his kingdom if only his stewards are faithful, to the great trust committed to them. Therefore, we recommend the following:

1. That as members of the kingdom¹ of God, and of the United Brethren in Christ, we lay hold of the threefold idea of Christian Stewardship as set fourth in his word, namely,

- (1) The Stewardship of life.
- (2) The Stewardship of our time.
- (3) The Stewardship of our means.

2. That to help us better understand these fundamental principles of Christian Stewardship, and the necessity of each one realizing them being put into operation in his own life, that the kingdom may grow and not be hindered, a continued educational campaign be carried out, through the agency of our Christian Stewardship Commission, until our Conference will triumph in accomplishing all that God would have us do.

3. That as the key to unlock the great treasury of God's abundant store of blessing and prosperity to all, is in the obedience to his commands, we seek to carry out in all our local churches the plan of regularly and systematically supporting all the agencies of the kingdom as represented by our denomination.

4. That God being the owner of all things, we recognize him Lord of our lives and with our obedience to other commands, we obey his command when he says "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse," and through the agency of the tithers league, as recommended by our finance commission, be distributed to the various interests of the local and general needs of the Church.

5. That the clergy, and leaders in the departments of Sunday school and Christian Endeavor put forth every effort possible to install in the minds of our youths the true principles of Christian Stewardship.

6. That all this being our work for God in the development of his kingdom, we humbly submit ourselves to his will and through intercessory prayer and obedience to his commands, open the avenues through which God will abundantly bless our beloved Zion.

W. H. SMELKER.

REPORT NO. 15—TIME FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

To the Bishop and Members of Miami Conference:

We, the Committee named to select the best time for the Miami Conference annual sessions, recommend,

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That the local Church year close with the last Sabbath of August each year and that the Annual Conference convene on the Wednesday following.

That the Sabbath day program be given exclusively to religious worship, the morning for Sabbath school and the Bishop's sermon and the Stationing Committee's report, the afternoon and evening service given over to inspirational addresses along the various lines of the Church's activities.

J. ELAM ARTZ,
A. R. CLIPPINGER,
J. W. FLORY.

REPORT NO. 16—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Bishop and Miami Annual Conference:

We, the Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the books of the Treasurer, Mr. L. O. Miller, and find the same to be correct.

The cash and drafts on hand had been counted and checked and the balances are correct.

We wish to commend Mr. Miller for his neatness and accuracy and for his courtesy to the committee.

J. ELAM ARTZ,
E. S. MAY,
R. L. HENRY.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

For the year ending August 26, 1914.

1913	<i>Receipts.</i>	
Sept. 1—Balance in Treas. at last Conf.		\$ 9,016.73
Budget collections for the year	\$ 17,722.86	
Home Missions, special	41.60	
Foreign Missions, special	214.96	
Presiding Elder's salary	1,653.28	
Bible Cause	5.00	
U. B. Pub. House, interest on bonds	75.00	
Cowden Chair	172.90	
Otterbein Home	1,100.94	
Advertising in Conference Minutes	11.25	
Flood Relief	3.50	
Special interest	10.00	
Borrowed money	3,000.00	
Sale of Norwood Church	1,250.00	
Sale of Dayton lots	300.00	
Interest on same	100.00	25,661.29
Total in treasury		\$ 34,678.02

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Expenditures.

Sept. 1—W. M. VanSickle, Secretary....\$	25.00
Sept. 1—E. E. Saul, Secretary	25.00
Sept. 1—L. O. Miller, Treasurer	50.00
Sept. 2—Merchants Nat'l Bank, borrowed money	1,000.00
Sept. 19—L. O. Miller, Church Treas. General Benevolences	5,927.84
Sept. 19—Otterbein University	590.57
No. 12—L. O. Miller, G'l. Church Treas. Otterbein Monument Fund	100.00
No. 12—U. B. Pub. House, printing...	10.35
Nov. 20—Wm. Raisch, Sr., interest Norwood	135.00

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Jan. 7—Wm. Raisch, int. Norwood.....	34.25
Jan. 9—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Cowden Chair	115.78
Jan. 14—Suburban Prtg. Co. Conference ballots	2.75
Jan. 24—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Otterbein Home collections	742.31
Jan. 26—U. B. Pub. House, printing	10.50
Jan. 26—U. B. Pub. House, Conf. Minutes	225.85
Jan. 28—W. M. VanSickle, travel	1.20
Feb. 27—W. M. VanSickle, travel	1.65
Feb. 27—W. H. Klinefelter, travel	2.25
March 9—C. W. Kurtz, Fairview loan...	1,100.00
March 9—L. T. Rebisco, Norwood Church	63.40
March 9—McNeil & Thompson, Norwood Church	15.00
March 9—Clerk of Courts, Norwood Church	21.35
March 9—R. M. Fox, College Hill loan..	3,000.00
March 17—J. W. Heffelfinger, taxes, Norwood	57.85
March 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Budget	3,730.43
March 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Home Missions	38.00
March 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Foreign Missions	211.36
March 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Otterbein Home	258.13
March 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Bible Cause collections	125.00
April 13—Sec'y. of State, copy of charter	2.00

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April 13—J. E. Yingling, affidavits.....	1.00	
April 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Budget	1,408.83	
May 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas., west end loan	300.00	
May 20—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas., interest on same	73.50	
May 26—Otterbein University	500.00	
June 2—D. R. Wilson, Conf. quartet.....	15.00	
June 2—C. W. Kurtz, travel	3.00	
June 30—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Budget	1,708.42	
June 30—Otterbein University	200.00	
L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas. Budget Col. July	616.28	
July 25—Wm. Raisch, interest	135.00	
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July 25—W. M. VanSickle, travel	1.20	
July 25—W. M. VanSickle, postage	2.00	
May 19—J. H. Mayne, travel	1.75	
May 19—W. M. VanSickle, travel	1.75	
Aug. 25—U. B. Pub. House, printing....	23.37	
Aug. 25—Otterbein Home correction ...	6.50	
Aug. 25—Home missions corrections	3.00	
Aug. 25—L. O. Miller, Ch. Treas., interest on borrowed money	60.00	
Aug. 25—Postage and long distance tele- phone for the year	18.76	
		\$ 22,702.18

C. W. Kurtz, presiding elder's
salary for the year..... 1,750.00

Missionary Appropriations.

Cheviot	\$ 250.00	
Clifton	450.00	
College Hill	450.00	
Ft. McKinley	250.00	
Hamilton	450.00	
Newport	50.00	
North Bend	150.00	
Piqua	450.00	
Troy Street	250.00	
Fairview	200.00	
Carrmonte	150.00	3,100.00

Minimum Salary.

J. L. Swain	\$ 50.00	
C. E. Cool	30.00	
C. E. Plack	75.00	
Walter Van Saun	100.00	255.00

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Ministerial Aid.

H. A. Bovey	\$ 150.00	
T. F. Bushong	300.00	
Mrs. F. M. Fowler	50.00	
M. R. Geyer	60.00	
Mrs. S. M. Hippard	12.50	
C. W. Miller	150.00	
W. J. Pruner	100.00	
J. P. Stewart	200.00	
Mrs. A. L. Billheimer	50.00	
Mrs. Ruth Hemphill	150.00	
W. K. Albright.....	50.00	
Mrs. W. K. Albright	50.00	
F. B. Church, special	50.00	1,372.50

Cash in treasury \$ 5,498.34

Thirty-four charges paid budget in full. Thirty-seven charges show deficits. Eighty-eight and six-tenths per cent. of the Conference and General Benevolent Budget paid. Thirty-six charges paid Superintendents' salary in full. Eleven charges show deficits.

Preachers' Aid.

Credit balance last year	\$ 566.07	
From budget of 1912-1913	950.00	
Interest on bonds	75.00	
Total	\$ 1,591.07	
Paid to beneficiaries during the year as per details in general report	1,372.50	
Present credit balance (to which will).....	\$ 218.57	
be added from budget about	\$ 800.00	

Liabilities.

Due to general benevolences	\$ 5,383.56	
Otterbein Home	451.80	
Ministerial Aid, about	800.00	
Ministerial Aid, credit balance	218.00	
A total of	\$ 6,853.36	
Cash on hand	5,498.34	
General deficit on cash account.....	\$ 1,355.02	
We owe borrowed money	1,000.00	
Debt	\$ 2,355.02	

L. O. MILLER, Treasurer.

	Budget	Paid	Deficit	P. E. Salary	Paid	Deficit	Total Deficit
Arcanum.....	\$ 531 00	\$ 531 00	\$.....	\$43 00	\$43 00	\$.....	\$.....
Beavertown.....	211 00	144 75	66 25	29 00	11 50	17 50	83 75
Belmont.....	210 00	211 51	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Bowlusville.....	62 00	50 55	11 45	10 00	10 00	.....	11 45
Brookville.....	576 00	576 00	.....	41 00	41 00	.....	.....
Carrmonte.....	39 00	39 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....
Cherry Grove.....	420 00	346 02	73 98	42 00	36 00	6 00	79 98
Cheviot.....	50 00	50 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....
Clifton.....	90 00	90 00	.....	13 00	13 00	.....	.....
Colerain.....	285 00	65 39	219 61	31 00	24 50	6 50	226 11
College Hill.....	70 00	12 07	57 93	9 00	9 00	.....	57 93
East Dayton.....	450 00	450 00	.....	17 00	17 00	.....	.....
Eaton.....	295 00	295 00	.....	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Eldorado.....	488 00	391 94	96 06	41 00	41 00	.....	96 06
Fairview.....	151 00	151 00	.....	13 00	13 00	.....	.....
First Church.....	1516 00	1516 00	.....	70 00	70 00	.....	.....
Germantown.....	634 00	484 06	149 94	48 00	48 00	.....	149 94
Greenville.....	410 00	290 94	119 06	37 00	37 00	.....	119 06
Hamilton.....	131 00	131 00	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	.....
Harrison.....	160 00	133 21	26 79	20 00	20 00	.....	26 79
Hartford Street.....	415 00	350 00	65 00	36 00	36 00	.....	65 00
High Street.....	400 00	400 00	.....	31 00	31 00	.....	.....
Home Avenue.....	392 00	242 02	149 98	31 00	.....	31 00	180 98
Ithaca.....	490 00	440 13	49 87	41 00	41 00	.....	49 87
Kingsville.....	43 00	43 00	.....	8 00	8 00	.....	.....
Lewisburg.....	230 00	230 00	.....	27 00	27 00	.....	.....
Liberty.....	528 00	478 40	49 60	49 00	49 00	.....	49 60
Lockington.....	269 00	269 00	.....	41 00	41 00	.....	.....
Miami Chapel.....	235 00	170 00	65 00	29 00	29 00	.....	65 00
Miamisburg.....	105 00	105 00	.....	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Middletown.....	420 00	420 00	.....	33 00	33 00	.....	.....
Millville.....	66 00	66 00	.....	13 00	12 75	25	25
Mt. Healthy.....	150 00	150 00	.....	23 00	23 00	.....	.....
New Haven.....	420 00	262 88	157 12	30 00	30 00	.....	157 12
New Hope.....	260 00	175 27	84 73	37 00	37 00	.....	84 73
New Madison.....	350 00	317 20	32 80	21 00	21 00	.....	32 80
Newport.....	141 00	141 00	.....	27 00	27 00	.....	.....
Norwood.....	64 00	.....	64 00	13 00	.....	13 00	77 00
North Bend.....	210 00	161 42	48 58	19 00	19 00	.....	48 58
Oak Street.....	950 00	950 00	.....	56 00	56 00	.....	.....
Olivet.....	157 00	157 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Otterbein.....	285 00	285 00	.....	31 00	31 00	.....	.....
Piqua.....	183 00	183 00	.....	17 00	17 00	.....	.....
Riverdale.....	498 00	477 10	20 90	36 00	36 00	.....	20 90
Rosewood.....	300 00	300 00	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....
Rosburg.....	175 00	175 00	.....	28 00	28 00	.....	.....
Salem.....	697 00	546 48	150 52	45 00	44 96	04	150 56
Savona.....	288 00	250 00	38 00	36 00	36 00	.....	38 00
Springboro.....	71 00	44 56	26 44	11 00	11 02	.....	26 44
Springfield.....	450 00	273 16	176 84	40 00	40 00	.....	176 84
Sulphur Grove.....	132 00	2 80	129 20	16 00	8 75	7 25	136 45
Euclid Avenue.....	1450 00	1450 00	.....	61 00	61 00	.....	.....
Troy Street.....	131 00	131 00	.....	17 00	17 00	.....	.....
Union City.....	375 00	375 00	.....	25 00	25 00	.....	.....
Union Circuit.....	230 00	230 00	.....	21 00	21 00	.....	.....
Vandalia.....	365 00	275 84	89 16	37 00	32 67	4 33	93 49
Wagner and Aloy.....	200 00	118 96	81 04	20 00	20 00	.....	81 04
Waterhouse.....	199 00	199 00	.....	21 00	21 00	.....	.....
West Elkton.....	398 00	333 00	65 00	41 00	41 00	.....	65 00
Willey Memorial.....	151 00	145 00	6 00	27 00	10 00	17 00	23 00
Yorkshire.....	25 00	25 00	.....	4 00	4 00	.....	.....
Fort McKinley.....	50 00	23 85	26 15	5 00	5 00	.....	26 15
Englewood.....	78 00	30 00	48 00	10 00	10 00	.....	48 00
Beardshear.....	100 00	55 82	44 18	11 00	11 00	.....	44 18
Columbus Avenue.....	60 00	60 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Prymont.....	62 00	62 07	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Utica and Oregonia.....	63 00	40 10	22 90	15 00	13 15	1 85	24 75
The Otterbein Home.....	.....	53 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	.....	\$2512 08	.....	104 72	.....	\$2616 80

34 paid budget full 33 not paid budget full
56 paid P. E. in full 11 not paid P. E. in full

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REPORT No. 18—LAYMEN.

The laymen of Miami Conference in meeting assembled this day, unanimously adopted the following resolutions.

Resolved, That we endorse the proposed evangelistic movement and pledge our hearty co-operation in any plans that may be made by the Central Committee.

That we pledge our earnest support to the Conference budget as prepared by the finance committee.

That we urge the early appointment of finance committees to secure these assessments and recommend a system of monthly payments and

That no minister go home from this Conference and in any way apologize for the amount named for his congregation.

E. S. MAY,
Secretary.

REPORT No. 19—CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We, your Committee on Conference Relation recommend,

1. That Rev. Ira Warner be received on his transfer.
2. That Rev. G. W. Kitzmiller be transferred to California Conference.
3. That Rev. E. J. Blackburn be dropped from the Conference roll.
5. That in view of the conduct of Rev. E. H. Farris, his ministerial credentials be withdrawn and he be requested to return his credentials, and also, his name be erased from the Conference roll.

J. G. HUBER,
J. W. FLORY.

REPORT No. 20—SECOND YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL.

Rev. J. A. Albright, Rev. R. M. Fox, and Rev. W. I. Underwood appeared before the Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading and asked to be continued. We so recommend.

J. G. HUBER,
J. W. FLORY.

REPORT No. 21—ELDERS' ORDERS.

We, your Committee on Elders' Orders, having examined Rev. O. O. Arnold as per Discipline, found him sound in doctrine, pertinent in scriptural quotations, and superior in intelligence.

We would therefore recommend that he be ordained an elder in the Church.

J. L. SWAIN,
T. H. MAYNE,
J. E. YINGLING,

Committee.

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REPORT NO. 22—REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL INTERESTS.

The Sunday school has long ago proven its right to a chief place among the forces of the world that make for righteousness. Its teaching of the Bible and disseminating of the knowledge of God instills in men the principles which underlie all right living.

That it has been so successful as an educational and evangelizing agency is a cause for profound gratitude. If the present Sunday-school army of the world, numbering thirty million, could be placed in a straight line, the scholars could stand hand in hand in an unbroken chain around the earth. If they were to parade, marching six abreast and ten feet apart, at the rate of three miles an hour, eight hours a day, and seven days a week, it would take three hundred and ninety-five days or thirteen months to pass a given point.

It is adapted to serve all ages, from birth to the end of life. But its service for the children and youth is perhaps the greatest. President Wilson has said: "No study is more important to the child than the study of the Bible and of the truths which it teaches, and there is no more effective agency for such study than the Sunday school. It certainly is one of the greatest factors in our lives in the building of character and the development of moral fibre, for its influence begins almost as soon as the child is able to talk and continues throughout life. The Sunday-school lesson of to-day is the code of morals of to-morrow. Too much attention cannot be paid the work which the Sunday school is doing."

That we may more perfectly attain the degree of efficiency which is necessary to advanced usefulness in Sunday-school work, we recommend:

1. A careful regard to the qualifications of teachers and officers in character and equipment, and hence, urge a teacher-training class in every school.

2. The grading of our schools to conform to the general standard.

3. A working Cradle Roll and Home Department in every school.

4. The observance of special days such as Rally Day, World's Temperance Sunday, Decision Day, Children's Day, etc.

5. That every school have an increase campaign culminating in Visitors' Day as suggested by the general Sunday-school Board.

6. An increasing emphasis on missions by mission study classes, the distribution of literature, and by short missionary programs (see Trull's *Missionary Programs and Incidents*) as the necessary means to make all the members of our Sunday schools intelligent, enthusiastic, self-sacrificing promoters of the kingdom of God in the local community, throughout America, and in all the non-Christian

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world, and to realize the largest offerings for the same once each month.

7. We pledge our co-operation with our general Sunday-school Board and its Secretary, Dr. C. W. Brewbaker for larger and better schools in general.

8. We hereby express our appreciation of the high quality of our Sunday-school literature issued by our Editors and Publishing Agent, Doctors Fries, Owen, and Funk, respectively, and commend its use to all our schools.

9. We rejoice also in the selection of Dr. Fries as the representative of the United Brethren Church on the International Lesson Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BITTNER.

REPORT No. 23—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Christian education lies at the very basis of civilization and progress. Education, unless it be Christian, can not contribute anything of abiding value to human welfare. Education is an increase of power; power to think, to reason, to invent, to discover, to adapt, to adjust, to plan, to initiate, and to execute. But education in itself gives no assurance that this increased power will be applied toward good ends. Indeed, we know it will not, unless it be Christian Education.

Thus we see that Christianity means everything to education. It is its safeguard, its inspirer, its director, its salvation. Hence, Christian Education is the most exalted, the most comprehensive, the greatest thing in the world. Henry Drummond said, "Love is the greatest thing in the world." True religion is love. Christianity is the true religion. And Christian Education is Christianity at its best.

These observations account for the existence of the Christian college and underscore some of the reasons why the Church should keep its beneficent hand upon the education and training of the rising generations.

In this splendid work, our own denomination is making progress. The last year was the best in our history. Our institutions generally made distinct gains in attendance, equipment and finance, but we have only made a beginning of the work that ought to be done. The attendance in our schools should be doubled in the near future. Endowments should be greatly increased; indeed, must be, if our institutions are to live and prosper.

We as a Conference will heartily co-operate with the Board of Education in its efforts to create a more general interest in the work of Christian Education, to enlarge the incoming numbers of recruits for the ministry, to strengthen the beneficiary fund to

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the end that a larger service may be rendered in assisting young people in their educational preparation for Christian work, to accentuate the importance of conducting the work of our institutions without incurring deficits to embarrass their future, and to increase their endowment funds to adequate proportions at the earliest possible date.

We commend the earnest, faithful work of our educational leaders. Their work is difficult and they well deserve the generous and loyal support of our people.

We hereby record our appreciation of the good work of Otterbein University for another year, with its increased attendance and financial gains, and strongly urge all our ministers and laymen to be diligent in labors for its advancement.

The Beneficiary Fund for assisting young people in preparing for the ministry is of tremendous importance, and those who are able to help by special gifts are urged to do so.

Bonebrake Theological Seminary had its largest attendance the past year and good financial gains. It will soon be moved to a more favorable site in Dayton and we pledge it our continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. WELLBAUM.

REPORT NO. 24—REPORT ON FIRST YEAR READING.

Chas. E. Hetzler, Norman Bevis, J. L. Armstrong, E. J. Haerr are pursuing work in the Seminary.

G. W. Duckwall, A. A. Grill, Virgil Mayne, J. L. Urich, and Walter Van Saun are graduates of Otterbein and we recommend that they be continued.

Edo Burris, Chas E. Fryman, George Jacoby, and Arthur Van Saun are attending Otterbein. We recommend they be continued.

O. Weaver, employed by Anti-Saloon League and Rev. Frank Johannes, doing extension work with a view to a collegiate course, and E. C. Cool are recommended to be continued.

J. H. MAYNE,

E. E. SAUL,

C. McNELLY,

Committee.

REPORT NO. 25—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. W. K. Albright, an aged and esteemed member of Miami Conference, passed on to his eternal reward during this Conference year. Address on his life and labors will be given by Rev. S. S. Huddle. The obituary will be read and remarks made by Rev. W. M. VanSickle at the memorial service to be held Saturday, 2:35 p.m.

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Rev. H. F. Reber, student in Bonebrake Theological Seminary and travelling in this Conference, died suddenly at Dayton, Ohio, a few days before commencement at which time he would have graduated. A sketch of his life will be given by Rev. U. B. Brubaker. Bishop G. M. Mathews and J. L. Swain will speak on the life of Mrs. S. M. Hippard deceased; another secretary is authorized to secure her obituary and also that of Mrs. C. Briggs, if possible and insert both in the Conference minutes.

J. H. MAYNE,

E. E. SAUL,

Committee.

REPORT NO. 26—RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION.

As a Conference, we hereby express our high appreciation of the music furnished by the Elysian Quartet, the local male quartet and choir, and others, and for the efficient leadership of W. I. Underwood as director of music during the Conference.

We request the Elysian Quartet and Brother Underwood to prepare for the next Conference, and hereby appropriate \$20, for the expenses of the quartet, and \$5 for W. I. Underwood.

E. E. Saul.

REPORT NO. 27—RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMS.

We, your Committee appointed to consider the advisability of holding a Bible Study Conference, beg to report, that,

Whereas, The Bishops of the Church in their quadrennial address to the General Conference strongly urged our closer fellowship with God through increased study of his word, and

Whereas, The General Conference recommended "The establishment of Bible Conferences throughout the denomination under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Seminary," that

Whereas, Some State and school officials, high in authority, are planning that the youth in the schools shall know more of God's holy word, but especially because the use of "The Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" was the method of our Lord, from the beginning of his ministry to his last utterance on the cross; because too it was the weapon used by his apostles, and because the word of God has been the means and inspiration of aggressive living, of all civic and moral reforms and of revivals of religion in all the ages. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the ministers and laity of the Miami Annual Conference, will give ourselves to the systematic study of the word as never before, endeavoring to fill our minds with its facts and doctrines.

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As an aid to this great end we recommend that we have a Bible Study Conference next year. That the following assignment be ratified and these persons be ready to report on their respective studies at that time in connection with the branch, that every minister be required to attend, and the lay delegates be requested to come also and share the blessing.

Assignments follow.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE.

"That they might be with Him."

Jesus Christ in Prophecy—Ira Warner.

History and services of his forerunner—O. O. Arnold.

Events from his birth to his baptism—E. C. Cool.

Events of his ministry from baptism, A. D. 27, to 2nd Passover, A. D. 28—Calvin McNelly.

Events of his ministry from 2nd Passover, A. D. 28, to 3rd Passover, A. D. 29—O. F. Bilger.

Events of his ministry from 3rd Passover, A. D. 29, to 4th Passover, A. D. 30—O. T. Welbaum.

The appearance from 40 days after the Resurrection—W. C. Andreas.

The ascension and his second coming—J. A. Pantle.

The Gospel by Matt.:—Author, Time, People, Purpose, Characteristics—C. W. Stephen.

The Gospel by Mark:—Author, Time, People, Purpose, Analysis, Characteristics—F. H. Bohn.

The Gospel by Luke:—Author, Time, People, Purpose, Analysis, Characteristics—G. A. Noll.

The Gospel by John:—Author, Time, People, Purpose, Analysis, Characteristics—J. H. Mayne.

The parables of Jesus—the one teaching of each—A. C. Barnhardt.

The miracles of Jesus—C. B. Boda.

The Sermon on the Mount—Time, Place, Analysis, Teachings—J. J. Mullaney.

Jesus the Prophet—M. F. Hawley.

Jesus the Priest—J. H. Dutton.

Jesus the King—I. Zimmerman.

The social teachings of Jesus—J. G. Huber.

His prayer life, by example and teaching—A. Dunkleberger.

Teachings in the upper room—J. W. Flory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HUBER, Chairman,

A. DUNKELBERGER,

J. H. DUTTON, Secretary.

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REPORT NO. 28—REPORT ON OTTERBEIN BROTHERHOOD.

The Brotherhood idea is fully as old as the Bible. Charles E. Jefferson said "Brotherhood is a spiritual creation, the work of men who have been created in Christ." We believe that it is God's plan that men should be brothers. That they should feel like brothers, act like brothers, and know that they really are brothers. The brotherhood is to get the men of a local church closer together, and the men of the community closer together, the men of the denomination and of the denominations lined up for service for Jesus Christ.

The Otterbein Brotherhood has a definite aim, and is working out for the Church what has been a serious problem, that is, how to man the Church with men and women proportionally. Women have been and even to-day are carrying burdens that actually belong to the men of the Church. Women are laboring hard to earn a few dollars for the Church while the men are wasting more than is needed to carry on the work. Men protect the home, why not protect the Church.

"The purpose of the brotherhood is to challenge every man to appreciate what is his responsibility as a man, then as a Christian, and then to quicken him to fulfill that obligation. We might call the brotherhood a spiritual, fraternal organization. The work of the institution is not only to help men to be better, but to make it easier for men to live right. The "Big Brother" idea, which was so popular a few years ago, should not be lost sight of. For every man should aid some boy to become a Christian gentleman.

The objectives as given in the Constitution of the Otterbein Brotherhood should be carefully studied, and whatever is practical for your local conditions utilize, and add others as you may deem helpful.

What should a brotherhood mean to the Church? It will mean more men in the Church, better business plans, and a great financial and spiritual revival which is so much needed in all our churches.

We recommend that an Otterbein Brotherhood be organized in every Church of the Conference wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. WAHL.

REPORT NO. 29—ADDRESS AT THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF REV. J. L. SWAIN, BY BISHOP G. M. MATHEWS.

Delivered before Miami Conference in Springfield, Ohio, August 28, 1914.

1. It is a distinguished honor and privilege to be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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The world may not always place a proper estimate upon it, but its glory is nevertheless beyond measure, and comparison. The lack of appreciation of the Christian ministry grows out of three things:

(1) Men are inclined to estimate it from the human side. Its demands, its drudgery, its opposition, obscure its glory.

(2) Then familiarity often leads men to place it on the plan of an ordinary avocation. The commonness of the literal sun obscures you in the sense of wonder. So men need to be reminded of the real glory of the Christian ministry.

(3) Then the lack of a vision of the dignity and responsibility of this holy calling leads some to rush into it without a special call and adequate equipment. The world judges of its glory, from its worst representatives.

The real glory of the ministry consists in three things: First, in its divine call. What an honor to be the object of God's selection. To be chosen by the president to the chief judgeship or high ambassadorship, is a great honor. But to be called of God to this special work is an honor inexpressible. The marvelous thing is that God puts men into the ministry. Said Jesus, "You have not chosen me. I have chosen you."

Second, this glory consists in the superlative dignity of its position. Paul calls it "The high calling of God." The preacher is the prophet of God, to men. He receives God's message, and unfolds God's thoughts, in their broad and manifold relations. Surely the greatness of the person he represents and the dignity of the position he occupies confers upon him unusual honor.

Third, this glory is also due to the greatness of the message he bears. The preacher's message is God's revealed truth with all its richness and authority. The message contains, in its totality, all the glorious Bible doctrines: God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Incarnation, sin, death, resurrection, atonement, regeneration, sanctification, judgment and eternal rewards. What a privilege to bear such a message of life, light, hope, love, and power.

2. It is not only a distinguished privilege to be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but a great honor to have had a ministry that spans the period of a half century.

Think of what that means.

Fifty years of faithful proclamation, of soul saving, of spiritual edification, of character-building, of church enlargement, getting under burdens, re-enforcing aggressive movements, resisting the wrong, defending the truth and advancing righteousness. But what more shall I say of a fruitful ministry? Words and figures can not tell it all. God knows it all and has written its chapters with an indelible pen, that eternity can not erase.

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What a great company of friends such a ministry gathers, friends here and over yonder beyond the river. Think of it. Fifty years of uninterrupted service. Not a single break, by retirement or self-location. Alternating many times from pastor to presiding elder, and then closing with a rich pastorate, with a crown of glory resting on his brow. Fifty years of unremitting toil, for Christ and humanity. Then voluntarily laying down his work as an active pastor, but not as a Christian servant.

Here is a picture of beauty that charms my soul. With a heart full of love, and a soul on fire for God, and human kind, he will go on with a love that does not stop or wait for official appointment, holding aloft the Banner of the Cross, to the end, so that he can say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course with joy. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

Such a minister is immortal.

He never will die. He can not die. He may not always receive appreciation from all he has helped and blest. But the servant is not unlike his Master.

You all know the story, but I will repeat it to-night. Over fifty years ago, the Lady Elgin went down between Chicago and Milwaukee. Ed Spencer and Will Spencer, students in the Northwestern University, members of the Volunteer Saving Company, stood on the shore, and Ed Spencer plunged in and saved fifteen lives. Then he saw two more on the spar struggling. He plunged again and saved them, making seventeen. Then his brother Will took Ed in his arms, exhausted, to his room, and all the boy would say over and over, "Did I do my best?" Dr. Torrey told that story in Los Angeles. Ed Spencer, then old and gray, was in the audience, and said afterwards, "It is now forty-seven years ago, but of all the seventeen, not one ever thanked me."

Brother Swain, there may be some who have forgotten the blessings of your ministry, but there are hundreds and thousands who have been under your ministrations, who now pour out their hearts to you in grateful affection. You are immortal. Any man is immortal if he can save anything wasted or lost. Go to London and Berlin and Paris, and you hear much about monuments. You see monuments to the memory of their great men. Most of these monuments are erected to the memory of those whose achievements were marked with the destruction of lives. But the monuments are few to those who saved lives and blest humanity. It is said that France made up a list of her immortals. She put Napoleon, who killed thousands, at the head of the list. Then she revised it and placed Pasteur, the savior of human life, at the head. That was better. But there is another book that contains a list of immortals, and you are in that list.

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"They that be wise shall shine as the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

A personal word. I have known Brother Swain forty-four years. As a young school teacher he came into the ministry, and became pastor of my home church, ministering to us all in the things of the kingdom. My father loved him as a son. Our acquaintance, that began there and then, ripened into a friendship that has never had a moment's interruption, and is rich and genuine to this hour. We toiled and planned and wrought together in Christ, in a way that knit my heart to his with cords that cannot be broken. The richest treasure and sweetest joy, that brings sunshine into one's life, is to know that we have taken a friend into our heart, whom we implicitly believe in, and set above all doubt and trust, almost as we believe in our God. Life is hardly worth living without such a friendship. What a priceless treasure.

Now, Brother Swain comes in the ripened years of his eventful life, rich in the love of God, strong in the faith of the old gospel, and radiant with the light of eternal hope. Brother Swain, I congratulate you for the gracious providence that has permitted you to reach this glad hour and occasion. And this is no ordinary occasion for Miami Conference. It is the Golden Jubilee. She has a distinguished roll of immortals that have gone ahead of you. You are still on the honored roll of those who make up her faithful servants. I think if you will listen, you can hear to-night, the heart beat of every member of this noble company, in love and confidence and genuine fellowship.

God has honored you with fruitfulness in soul-winning. These are your joy and crown. This is your peculiar glory. This is the guarantee of your immortality. This crowns the evening of your life with beauty, and makes it radiant with the glory of a well-spent life.

And with exceeding pleasure and joy, we place upon your brow to-night the crown of our confidence, love, and blessing.

And, as a visible expression of the genuineness of the love of your brethren, in the ministry, I take special delight, on their behalf, in presenting to you this floral tribute of fifty roses, marking the number of years of your efficient, fruitful ministry.

REPORT NO. 30—REV. J. L. SWAIN'S ADDRESS.

In the month of January, 1861, I gave my heart and life to Jesus Christ, and united with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at Zion class, Union Circuit, Hamilton, County, Ohio. I was granted quarterly conference license at a Conference held in the Zion Church in April, 1862, signed by John Kemp, Jr., I preached my first sermon in the Bethel Church from these words: "God be merciful unto me; heal my soul; for I have sinned

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against thee." I became a member of Miami Conference at a session held at Union Chapel, Butler County, August 25-28, 1864, Bishop Edwards, presiding. At this session of Conference, Mt. Pleasant Circuit and Union Circuits were united and called Mt. Pleasant Circuit. It extended from the Ohio River to six miles east of Hamilton. There were eleven appointments. To this circuit, Rev. James Long and I were assigned—he being the preacher in charge and I the junior. We followed one another in service over the circuit, each one making the round every four weeks, thus giving the churches services every two weeks. Three Sundays in each month we preached three times a day, and twice the fourth Sunday. At the conference of 1865 I was assigned to Five Mile Mission—now Cherry Grove Circuit, and served it three years. On this charge I met for the first time, a young man, then a student in Otterbein University, now the senior Bishop of the Church and our presiding Bishop, George M. Mathews, D.D. The friendship formed then has grown closer and sweeter with the years as they have come and gone. On a Friday afternoon, in the early part of September, 1865, I went to my new circuit and stopped at the home of S. W. Markley of the Stone church, whose wife was a sister of our Bishop. On Sunday I preached my first sermon as the new preacher in the Stone church and went with the Bishop's father for dinner. In the afternoon Father Mathews took me to the Cherry Grove church for an afternoon service. In November I moved to the circuit and into a house on Father Mathew's farm, where I lived, rent free for three years. I have served the following charges as pastor: Mt. Pleasant, Five Mile, Vandalia, Millville, Liberty, Germantown, Brown's Run, Lewisburg, Union Circuit—nine in all. On these charges I spent thirty-three years—serving part of them several times. The other seventeen of the fifty years of my ministry were spent in serving the Conference as presiding elder. I served the Conference as its missionary treasurer twenty-five years. My average salary per year for the fifty years was \$665. The smallest salary received was \$300, received the first year; the largest salary received was \$1,150, received the last year I served the district. My shortest pastorate was one year, and has occurred four times. My longest pastorate—the one just closed, was seven years. My longest consecutive term of service as presiding elder was six years. I was ordained as elder by Bishop Edwards at the Conference session held at New Hope in 1867. There has been nothing remarkable in my ministerial life, except its unbroken length of fifty years of active service as pastor and presiding elder in the Conference, which I joined fifty years ago. I have cheerfully

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done the work the conference gave me to do. As I look back over these fifty years I feel that I did the best I could with my equipment. I have received about one thousand persons into membership in the Church. Three of the members of this Conference were brought to Christ and into the church under my ministry. The first revival I held in person was at Cherry Grove and resulted in more than forty conversions. God gave me many precious revivals on most of the charges I have served, and one of the sweetest joys of my life is the meeting of persons here and there whose faces I do not recognize and whose names I cannot call, who tell me they found Christ under my ministry. If I am ever permitted to see the King in his beauty I will say, here am I, and those whom thou hast given me. I have preached a few hundred funerals and solemnized two hundred and four marriages.

The first four years I traveled on horse-back and, in cold weather and when the roads were bad, wore leggings to protect my limbs; but I never carried the historic saddle bags of the pioneer preachers of the generation that preceded mine. These fifty years are past; their record is with God. I cannot change a jot or tittle of it, but shall meet it as it is. My comfort and hope is that, having received my one talent, I have used it and did not bury it, as did the servant of the parable. As to the little fragment of my life that lies between the adjournment of this Conference and my home going, I have no present conception. I shall go out from this Conference as I have never gone before. I shall go without a charge, without a people, and no one will be looking and waiting for my coming! I mean to keep sweet and do for God and the Church what I can in this new relation. I owe much to the members of this conference with whom I have lived and wrought for these fifty years. Most of those who were members of the Conference fifty years ago rest from their labors. Drs. Shuey and Berger are the only ones now living who were members when I joined. Rev. C. W. Miller joined by transfer at that session. I have been present at every session of conference from that of 1864 to this of 1914, fifty-one in all, and answered "present" at the first roll call with three or four exceptions. I am a Miami Conference product, born within its borders, converted at its altars, received from it my credentials as a minister of the gospel, honored by it for seventeen years with the highest office it could give, sent by it as one of its representatives to two General Conferences and thus helped me to whatever success I have had. And now, at the close of this half century of my ministerial life, you honor me by the services of this hour; for this recognition of my fifty years of active ministry, and for all other honors and favors you have shown me, I thank you.

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REPORT NO. 31—REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

In discussing the question of Sabbath keeping, Christian speakers, or writers or leaders in reform, in their zeal to catch the ear of the world, have been generally prone to enlarge upon the physical benefits which come from its observance. Man needs at least one day in seven to separate himself mentally and physically, we are told, and this truth is strengthened by illustrations of the weeks made by those whose eagerness for gain has led them to disregard the law that God has written on their nature.

The further proof that it is this particular period of time that is necessary is also emphasized by the physical break-down which threatened the people of France, when the Directory first abolished the Sunday as a rest day and then attempted to make it every tenth day.

Another argument along the same line is that if Sunday observance is relegated to the past, the working classes will soon find that the demands of trade force them to give up the one day that might be devoted to themselves and their families. Then it is that Christian tongues eloquently set before us the mere physical benefits that will accrue from rest from toil, aside from any spiritual good that will follow the sacred observance of the day. These arguments are good and very forcible, but they should be used as secondary to the one great reason why the Sabbath should be observed—*because it is God's command*. Surely the Lord knew that we needed a Sabbath to develop the better parts of our nature. The intellectual, the moral, and the spiritual part of man must have some cultivation if the man is to be fully developed in every part of his nature. Those parts of a man's faculties which most resemble God are the noblest and no man should neglect the cultivation of them. No man who takes just pride in himself will do so.

The Sabbath was made for man because he needed it for the good of both his physical and spiritual natures. He needs it to develop the best part of himself and to prepare to meet his God. Man is capable of a high order of delight. This the Sabbath generates. Thus the Sabbath contributes delight, not only because it affords rest from exhausting toil, but also because its proper observance develops the more noble parts of man's nature. No nation, or family, or individual who neglects the Sabbath will stand the peer of those who keep it *sacredly*. There is a side to Sabbath breaking which is not so strongly emphasized as it might be, namely, how one man's willful breaking of it compels another's. The thousands who use Sundays for excursion make other thousands work. The thousands who insist on Sunday newspapers make thousands of boys deliver them on Sunday. Some years ago an article in a Scottish magazine on the moral side of golf called

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attention to the growing custom of taking boys to the golf links Sundays for the whole day, this depriving them of religious training. Not long ago the pastor of a suburban church complained that the golf links were depleting his Sunday school. Nine-tenths of those who enter prison were started on their way by Sabbath breaking, largely by Sunday sport.

An incident came to our notice just a year ago in which the pastor of one of the larger Protestant churches in the suburbs of Cincinnati gathered two hundred or more of his young people together, and early on a beautiful Sabbath morning took boat down the Ohio with music and dancing on board. They were to make the half way trip to Louisville, but before nearly getting half way, the engines of the steamer shamefully refused to work for this Sabbath desecrating preacher and his crowd and they were left to amuse themselves as best they could at this place on the river, until some power should intervene to effect their return home. After long tedious hours of waiting and still longer ones on the return, they arrived at their homes at another rising of the sun. The congregation of this same church conduct socials and sell refreshments in the basement of the church on Sunday evenings. Who can say that God is not forgotten in these things? May we firmly resolve as a church, as a ministry, as the laity, to use our Sabbath first for rest.

My Sabbath is God's gift to me and to every man. As I love the giver, I will value the gift. In it I will do no needless work nor will I ask any to do such work for me or mine.

Second for Worship.

My Sabbath is my Lord's. Though he gave the day to me, yet he claims its hours his own. He invites me to meet him every Sabbath in his courts, to share his companionship, and to taste his joys which never surfeit and which never cease, *my* Sabbath is *my* tryst with *my* Lord.

Third for Human Rights.

My Sabbath is not mine alone. It is my neighbor's, too. I will not use it selfishly. As I would defend my own right to its joys, so will I defend his. For my Sabbath would not be so sweet to me, and my Lord would surely grieve if my neighbor lost his Sabbath while I selfishly kept my own.

W. C. ANDREAS.

REPORT No. 32—THE CHRISTIAN HOME.

The Christian home is God's ideal of what a home ought to be. The family is the unit with God. Hence, we hear the Psalmist saying, "God setteth the solitary in families." Psa. 6:8-6. Of

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Abraham it is said, "For I know Him, that He will command His children and His household after Him. Gen. 18:19.

When the Lord would *re-people* the earth after the flood he chose Noah and his family.

Thus examples might be multiplied of those who as families were mightily used of God in the accomplishment of his purposes, but in every case we find they were those who recognized the claims of Jehovah, and in home life sought to exalt the principles of our holy Christianity.

The Apostle Paul especially emphasizes the duties of parents in the training of their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and is equally emphatic regarding the obedience that children are to render to their parents in the Lord. All of which has a direct bearing on the life that is to be lived in the home. Knowing the importance of such training and that the influences of the Christian home are so far reaching as to have a controlling power in all subsequent life. Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That a new emphasis be placed on the importance of establishing the *family altar* in every home in the Church.

2. That we deplore the laziness on the part of some of our people regarding these vital interests of the home, and that we will strive as far as possible to lift the people to a higher plane.

3. That as ministers of the gospel we give ourselves without reserve to the work of cultivating a love for piety and godliness in the homes of our people.

4. That we stand unalterably opposed to everything that would injure the home, or hinder the growth of reverence for things that are sacred and divine.

G. W. HAMILTON.

REPORT NO. 33—BIBLE CAUSE.

On the last night of the Master's life upon earth he prayed to the Heavenly Father concerning his disciples, "Sanctify them in thy truth, thy word is truth." This prayer tells us that the disciples of Jesus are to be sanctified by the word of God, which is the Bible.

To be sanctified by the word of God is to enter into the spirit of the Word, which tells of the organization of the church of Jesus Christ. God spoke the world into existence by his word. His word said "Let us make man in our own image," thereby giving us a revelation of the origin of man. This word gripped Moses and he exclaimed, "Hear, O heavens, and I will speak, give ear O earth, to the words of my mouth." He wrote a law that has become the foundation of every law: of home, of state, of church. The New Testament tells us of the re-organization of the church, built upon the "Foundation of the prophets and apostles, Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

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Then for the disciples to be "Sanctified in the truth," is to study the word of God, to know it from Genesis to Revelation. If his disciples are to "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, they must make the Bible their constant companion; every disciple must have his own Bible, that he may have daily access to it.

If every disciple must have the Bible, it, of necessity, becomes a world-wide book. The Psalmist in the spirit of revelation said, "The Lord said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me and I will give thee nations for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." The great commission to the church is "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations," and since his disciples are to be "sanctified in the truth," all nations are to have the word of God. Of necessity "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations, and then shall the end come."

If the gospel is to reach the ends of the earth, the church must send it.

Our agency in distributing the Bible is the American Bible Society. We therefore ask for it the co-operation of all our churches.

B. F. FARRIS.

REPORT NO. 34—CHURCH ERECTION.

The well chosen words of Bishop Weekley express very clearly the appreciation most of us have for the Church Erection society.

"For a noble birth, and splendid history; for a generous spirit, and lofty ideals; for devotion to the Church, and loyalty to the Kingdom; for a sympathetic interest in the poor, and a generous hand to help them; for a department inviting security, and the most thorough investigation; for a divine agency whose supreme object is to build permanently for the oncoming generations; for a friend of all other departments, and an indispensable agency to United Brethrenism, where on earth would you go to excel Church Erection?"

A careful perusal of the conditions confronting the Church Erection society gives cause for no little anxiety. In order to break even, this society needed April 1, \$40,000. On April 1, the total loans overdue and unpaid amounted to \$111,881 and from our Conference alone there were in loans overdue and unpaid \$10,720. In face of the increased and constantly increasing demands the outlook is not too hopeful unless we can be awakened to the gravity of the situation and meet it in the spirit which has won for the Church many glorious victories. The one hope for the Church is in the ability of the Church Erection society to meet the new demands which are constantly being made. To do this will re-

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quire the hearty co-operation of every member of the denomination. This cause must prevail, and if so, then in Christ's name it will. In the face of these circumstances, be it

Resolved, 1. That the attention of general officers, preachers, and laymen be called to the new manual of administration, to the end that (1) the local congregations may meet every condition possible and (2) that the general society keep in mind especially articles 10 to 12 referring to the granting of loans.

2. That we have a debt paying campaign preceded by or accompanied with an educational campaign in which programs be rendered on days convenient for the local churches. The society furnishes these programs free.

3. That pastors co-operate with the society by sending in lists of prospective givers and by helping the society collect individual pledges now overdue, and further assist by circulating literature prepared by the general society.

R. M. FOX, Chairman.

REPORT NO. 35—RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION.

We have heard with deepest interest and appreciation, the earnest address of Miss Elsie Hall, Field Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church, and assure her of our sympathy and hearty co-operation in the work of the association which she represents.

E. E. SAUL,

W. M. VANSICKLE.

REPORT NO. 36—REPORT OF BOUNDARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CHARGE APPORTIONMENTS.

Aley	\$ 90	Oak Street	1,025
Arcanum	600	Cowden Mem.	530
Bowlusville	70	East Dayton	480
Beavertown	240	Hartford St.	450
Beardshear	85	Home Ave.	435
Brookville	625	Euclid Ave.	1,600
Cherry Grove	325	Miami Chapel	250
(Cincinnati)		Olivet	200
Colerain	200	Belmont	225
Columbus Ave.	85	Fairview	175
Cheviot	70	Troy Street	160
Clifton	110	Carrmonte	45
College Hill	80	Eaton	325
(Dayton)		Eldorado	530
First Church	1,650	Englewood	60
High Street	435	Ft. McKinley	60

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Greenville	450	Pleasant Hill	145
Germantown	700	Potsdam	172
Hamilton	155	Pyrmont	70
Harrison	175	Rosewood	340
Ithaca	525	Rosburg	205
Kingsville	55	Salem	525
Lewisburg	275	Savona	320
Liberty	580	Springfield	425
Lockington	310	Sulphur Grove	100
Miamisburg	130	Springboro	80
Middletown	465	Union Circuit	250
Millville	80	Union City	410
Mt. Healthy	180	Utica & Oregonia	75
New Haven	430	Vandalia	400
New Hope	120	Wagner	110
New Madison	370	Waterhouse	220
Newport	170	West Elkton	440
North Bend	225	Willey Memorial	150
Otterbein	325	Yorkshire	30
Otterbein Home	50		
Piqua	200	Total Appor.	\$ 21,912

Preachers' Aid Fund Appropriation

J. L. Swain	\$ 300	T. F. Bushong	\$ 300
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Following apportionments are made by Board of Trustees:

Mrs. F. M. Fowler	\$ 50	W. J. Pruner	150
Mrs. Ruth Hemphill ..	150	J. P. Stewart	150
Mrs. W. K. Albright ..	75	C. W. Miller	150
H. A. Bovey	150		
M. R. Geyer	60	Total	\$ 1,535

Conference Extension Apportionments.

Carrmonte	\$ 150	Total Charge Appor..	\$ 21,912
Cheviot	250		
Clifton	450	Total Preachers' Aid	
College Hill	450	Fund	\$ 1,535
Fairview	200	Total Conference Ex-	
Hamilton	450	tension Fund	\$ 3,000
Kingsville	100	Advance of Record. Sec-	
Newport	100	retary's Salary..	\$ 10
North Bend	100	Superintendent's salary	\$ 1,750
Piqua	450		
Troy St.	250		\$ 6,295
Zion	50		
Total	\$ 3,000	Balance	\$ 15,617

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Committee voted an advance of \$10 on recording secretary's salary.

L. B. JOHNS,
Secretary.

REPORT No. 37—W. M. A. APPRECIATION, RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we appreciate the presence of Mrs. Kauffman and Miss Elsie Hall of the officers of the W. M. A. Board, and Mrs. Overholser, and Mrs. Pentz, of the Miami Branch, and the message of Mrs. Overholser from the branch. We promise to give them our hearty co-operation in reaching the high standard of the Association set before us in the paper.

We believe that the women of our churches should be interested in the work, and wherever possible, there should be a W. M. A. local.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. BODA,
W. M. VANSICKLE.

REPORT No. 38—OBITUARY.

William King Albright, was born near Arcanum, Darke County, Ohio, March 22, 1838, and died at his late home, 620 South Central Avenue, Greenville, Ohio, March 28, 1914, aged seventy-six years and six days.

He was the sixth child of a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, all of whom are in the spirit world except one brother, Adam, who lives in Hastings, Nebraska, and was too feeble to be in attendance at the funeral.

July 24, 1870, he was united in marriage with Nancy Clark, who for more than forty-three years shared the toils and cares of the life of an itinerant minister. The result of this union was three children; two sons and one daughter. The daughter, Mrs. B. M. McCabe, and one son, Henderson, also survive; one son, John, having preceded the father in death. There are two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Mary.

In the days of Father Albright's childhood very few people thought that children should unite with the church; they should wait until "they knew what they were doing," as it was said, yet at the early age of six, he united with the United Brethren Church. So that, as he said, last Sunday was his seventieth spiritual and his seventy-sixth natal day.

His educational advantages were such as were afforded by the schools of those days, to which he added a course in Otterbein University, from which he graduated in June, 1870.

While he was in the army, instead of spending his time playing cards as many did when not in duty, he spent the time reading his pocket Bible, which is a cherished heirloom in the family.

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Though he was not at that time a minister, he did much preaching while he was in the Civil War, and witnessed a great revival, having nearly three hundred conversions while they were in camp.

Graduating from college in June, 1870; July 24, he was married, and in August, following, he was admitted to the Miami Annual Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, at New Haven, by Bishop Glossbrenner, and assigned to the Lagonda Church, Springfield.

After completing the course of Reading he was ordained as an elder on August 16, 1873, at the session of the Conference held at Arcanum, by Bishop J. Weaver.

During the years he spent in the active ministry, he served Springfield, Lewisburg, Union City, Mt. Zion, Germantown, New Haven, New Hope, Pleasant Hill, Water House, Salem, and Springboro charges as regular pastor, and since his retirement from the regular pastorate he has done much supply work, and given assistance in the revival season to his fellow ministers. He has preached hundreds of funerals, and married about sixteen hundred couples since his ordination. As a preacher of the gospel he was thoroughly orthodox; emphasizing the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. He was an earnest preacher, and held many great revivals on the various charges he served. After the revival at Lewisburg he with ex-Bishop Kumler baptized one hundred and fifty persons in Twin Creek, Brother Albright doing most of the baptizing himself, as the Bishop was not strong.

He was among the first to take a stand against the evils of intemperance. September 18, 1882, he joined what was then known as the Ohio Anti-Liquor Alliance, and took a share of stock to help the cause along.

During the early days of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in Company E, 87th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, re-enlisting in Company B, 110th, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, July 17, 1863, he served his country until June 25, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. Because of the bursting of a shell at Harpers Ferry, his hearing was injured in one ear so that it made it embarrassing for him frequently, and yet he was always full of life and energy. For many years he has been a member of the Jobes Post G. A. R. of Greenville, serving in various offices in the local Post, and also as State Chaplain one term.

The last Sabbath he spent on earth, was spent in the house of God, taking the place of an absent teacher in the Sunday school, and making the opening prayer in the morning service with fervor.

From the first of his illness, he realized that the end was near, and calmly arranged for his funeral service. The last days he spent on earth were filled with the presence of

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the Savior whom he had loved and served for seventy years. He had on the wedding garment when the summons came. We buried his body, yet he lives. Truly the Word says: "Blessèd are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea; saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

The funeral took place from the Greenville United Brethren Church in the presence of a vast concourse of people, in charge of his pastor, Rev. W. M. VanSickle, assisted by Revs. J. P. Alden, J. A. Pantle, Conference Superintendent, C. W. Kurtz, S. S. Huddle, and G. T. Powell.

The Ministerial Association of Greenville attended in a body, and the following United Brethren ministers were present: M. O. Stein, Hillgrove; A. Kissel, Greenville; E. E. Saul, Brookville; W. T. Frank, Lewisburg; D. R. Wilson, Eaton, and E. P. Huddle, New Hope. The floral tributes were profuse and very beautiful; worthy tributes to a noble life.

REPORT NO. 39—HOWARD F. REBER.

Howard F. Reber was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, in the year 1888, and died in Dayton, Ohio, April 23, 1914.

This sounds very formal, but it is of unusual significance when we consider the splendid career of the one whose name is mentioned. Brother Reber was converted when a boy and at a very early age manifested a keen interest in religious work. He was licensed to preach when fifteen years old by Dr. H. Gable. The next year he was assigned to a charge in Allegheny Conference. This charge had four appointments. Not many of us began our ministerial career at the age of sixteen years. He served several appointments in Allegheny Conference, and, without a single exception either built or repaired churches wherever he went, greatly increasing the membership and pastor's salary. He was a born preacher, a good pastor and splendid organizer.

In the fall of 1911, he, with his wife and little daughter Bessie came to Dayton to attend the Seminary. There being a vacancy in two small broken-down churches, he was assigned to the work by Dr. Kurtz. Brother Reber entered upon his work with the same earnestness that characterized his work in Allegheny Conference, and soon put these two churches on a good basis. The same year Kingsville became vacant, and he taking hold of this work likewise made of it a strong point.

While he took the English Course, his splendid wife took the Deaconess Course, and together they worked and toiled. No others looked forward with such enthusiasm to the future as did

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these two faithful ones. No others in the Seminary were more loved and respected, and his death came like a tremendous blow to us all.

Brother Reber took sick on Friday, April 17, but that evening delivered his lecture on historic places in the United Brethren Church in Olivet U. B. Church. He took to his bed Saturday and rapidly grew worse. Monday, April 20, he was taken to Miami Valley Hospital, but too late, and on the twenty-third, was already beyond medical aid. The spirit took its flight, just ten days before he and his wife were to graduate from Bonebrake Seminary. The writer, a classmate and a member of the same Conference together with several other classmates and Professor Showers were at the bedside when the end came. Every one was crushed, because a life so full of hope and power had come to a sudden close. But we can say, "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on the dial. We count time by heart throbs. He most lives, who thinks the most, feels the noblest and acts the best."

May his mantle fall upon us, and his consecration to his Lord inspire us to renewed effort to give to the world the message he loved to preach.

U. B. BRUBAKER.

REPORT NO. 40—OBITUARY OF MRS. HIPPARD.

Mrs. Amanda Weider Hippard was born August 9, 1840 and died in Dayton, Ohio, December 2, 1913.

I have known her for forty years. Part of that time our families were intimately associated, and I count it a privilege to be able to say that she and her good husband, Rev. Samuel Hippard were amongst the truest friends we ever had. We esteemed them highly in love for what they were, and for what they did, and what they sought to do. In so many particulars they were a model pair, and worthy of imitation. Each seemed to have helped the other in attaining the best within their reach. So that we can scarcely speak of the one without thinking of the other also. In the brief space allotted I can name only a few of the many characteristics of this truly beautiful life.

The first outstanding virtue of Mrs. Hippard was her *sincerity*. This was felt by every one who was about her any length of time. What she said could be relied upon. There was no duplicity, or double meaning in act or word.

Another characteristic was *humility*. She sat easily in a back seat, until her merit called her forward. She did not look upon her own things, but esteemed others better than herself.

Again, she was *industrious*—this could be seen by the ordinary visitor in their home. Indeed her obituary is written by the wise

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man in Proverbs 31:10-31, of which verses 10, and 25-31 are especially applicable to her.

Then, too, she was *meek*. She was not self-assertive nor selfish, causing her associates to feel that her opinions, or herself *must* have consideration at their hands, or there would be ill-feeling.

She was one of those "whose adorning was not the outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of jewels of gold, or the putting on apparel, but was the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible apparel of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price, for after this manner aforetime the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves.

Furthermore, she was *generous*.

From my own knowledge, I am sure she and her husband gave liberally. They made it a study how much good they might do—how much they could give to help others, taking out of their not large income, only enough for a very modest living for themselves. In this she was a fine example to the people she and her husband served. She looked not upon her own things but upon the things of others that they through her poverty might be made rich.

Then too she was a home-keeper. She loved to keep her house. Here, rather than in any public relation in which she reigned, she was at her best.

There was an air of welcome about her home.

In these days of dissolving, disintegrating home life, is it not beautiful to look on those who magnify the home, who honor domestic duties and the undying virtues?

One of the crowning virtues of this life was godliness. She was deeply pious—how well one can remember the modest, earnest, taking part in the weekly prayer service, the diffident approach to the throne of mercy. The punctual attendance on the stated worship of God's house on the Sabbath day.

These were only indices of that every day home life of piety and devotion to the things unseen and eternal.

Lastly, that which covers all the points of her useful life as a Christian, as a sister, as a mother, as a minister's wife and that which comes most forcibly to my mind are the words of Jesus about Mary's service in such a lowly, unselfish way in breaking the alabaster box of precious, fragrant ointment in anointing his feet, "She hath done *what she could*," coupled with Paul's words "to adorn the doctrine of God, our Savior."

Mrs. Hippard "did *what she could*" "to adorn the doctrine of God, her Savior" in her personal character, a light lighting every one in her circle, and in every place she lived; did what she could to adorn the doctrine of God in her home life, in the rearing of her sons to noble manhood, and to purposeful living; did what she

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could to adorn the doctrine of God in the way she bore her trials, the death of their precious little daughter, the long affliction of her life's companion and his taking away years ago, and the long loneliness since, and the sad outgoing of several sisters, until now but one is left, and she, too feeble to be present at the funeral.

"She did what she could to adorn the doctrine of God her Savior," in this life.

But while we are sad we are permitted to think of her as a member of that perfect society spoken of in Rev. 22:3, 4, 5.

1. Perfect Deliverance—"There shall be no more curse."
2. Perfect Government—"The Throne of God and the Lamb shall be therein."
3. Perfect Service—"His servants shall serve Him."
4. Perfect Ownership—"His name shall be on their foreheads."
5. Perfect Fellowship—"They shall see His face."
6. Perfect Blessedness—"No night and no sin."
7. Perfect Exaltation—"They shall reign forever and ever."

"The bravest battle that was ever fought;

Shall I tell you when and where?

On the maps of the world you will find it not;

It was fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,

With sword or braver pen;

Nay, not with eloquent word or thought,

From the mouths of wonderful men.

But, deep in a woman's walled up heart—

Of woman that would not yield.

But patiently, silently bore her part—

Lo! there is the battlefield.

No marshalling troop or bivouac song;

No banners to gleam and wave;

And oh, these battles they last so long—

From babyhood to the grave.

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars,

She fights in her walled up town—

Fights on and on in the endless wars,

Then silent, unseen—goes down."

REPORT NO. 42—RESOLUTIONS.

The movement to completely annihilate the liquor traffic from the borders of our State and nation never were more promising

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than at the present time. The great wave of public sentiment against the traffic, has been gathering strength and momentum for these many years until at the present moment it threatens to completely submerge it forever. The brewers and saloon-keepers are preparing to make, as we sincerely hope, a last stand for the continuance of so ruinous and demoralizing a business.

Is it any wonder that the brewers and liquor dealers are so distressed. Their doom is sure and certain, for the hand writing of public sentiment points to a speedy and complete overthrow. We recognize in the saloon and liquor traffic the greatest enemy of good government, the home and the church.

With half or more of the territory of our State, as well as our country under the white ribbon of temperance, we hail with delight at the expense of their discomfiture, the coming day of homes made happy by the restoration of husbands and fathers, to homes made destitute by its blighting touch, of communities made Christian because of its absence, and of penal institutions, alms houses, and asylums depopulated of their inmates. Our leading magazines and church papers are advocating the abolition of the traffic. Men of prominence, ministers, doctors, lawyers, and others have sacrificed their salaries and business to combat this great evil. The real battle is now on.

Shall we suffer defeat? We believe God is marshaling His forces to engage the enemy in mortal combat. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Miami Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, with all loyal and patriotic citizens, pledge ourselves to lead and assist in opposing and putting out of existence this accursed business.

That we urge our membership to vote for men at our coming election who are opposed to this great evil.

That we take our place at the front in the great effort to be made to clear our State of the baneful and blighting influence of the American saloon and liquor traffic.

That we in no way or by any means either directly or indirectly lend encouragement or assistance to the manufacture or distribution of intoxicants, and that we adhere to, as provided in our Discipline, part 3, chapter 10, section 2, article I which reads, The distilling, vending, and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, the renting and leasing of property to be used for the manufacture or sale of such drinks, also the signing of petitions for granting license, or the entering as bondsmen for persons engaged in the traffic in intoxicating drinks, are strictly prohibited.

That we commend those who have so nobly championed and espoused the cause of temperance in our legislative halls and elsewhere, and pledge to all such our most loyal support.

A. C. BARNHARDT.

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Whereas, in the good providence of God, our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to convene in this one hundred and fifth session of the Miami Annual Conference, the most edifying, instructive, spiritual, and aggressive Conference in our history. Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we express our gratitude to God for his marvelous love and care during the past year.

2. That we acknowledge our inefficiency, and are resolved that during another year, by the leadings of the Holy Spirit, we will seek to do his will in all our work.

3. That we have enjoyed the presence and sweet fellowship of our beloved brethren—W. J. Shuey, T. F. Bushong, S. S. Huddle, Dr. Thompson, J. D. Williams, C. W. Miller, and J. P. Stewart, and that we have been encouraged by their kind words of cheer and good will.

4. That we have been thrilled and edified by the excellent and instructive addresses given by our visiting friends. Bishop Howard, Miss Hall, representing W. M. A., Rev. J. E. Fout, and Dr. G. A. Funkhouser, Brother Caldwell, Dr. J. S. Kendall, C. W. Brewbaker, O. T. Deever, Dr. W. E. Schell, and Rev. J. E. Knipp.

5. We appreciate the impartial, and dignified manner in which our good, and sweet spirited Bishop, G. M. Mathews dispatched the business of the Conference, and also for his inspiring and enthusiastic address in the opening of Conference, so fragrant with wise counsel, and spiritual power.

6. That we congratulate and heartily thank Brother B. F. Farris and the good people of the Lagonda United Brethren Church and all the friends who assisted in so splendidly entertaining the Conference.

7. That we appreciate the excellent music rendered by the local church and Conference quartets and also the happy manner in which Brother Underwood led the congregational singing.

8. That we commend the Jubilee service in honor of Rev. J. L. Swain as a fitting and beautiful tribute, one whose whole active life of fifty years has been so assiduously and so unselfishly given to the ministry in our Conference, the said occasion with the splendid address by Bishop Mathews and others, should serve to make us all more deeply sensible of the supremacy and glory of the Christian religion, to thrill us with a fresh and larger comprehension of the exalted character of the ministerial office, and to strengthen us in our purpose to magnify our high calling and to push our work with renewed vigor during the years that may yet be given us to labor in our glorious Zion.

9. That we condemn the liquor interest for introducing the so-called home rule amendment as inconsistent to their former

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action, in relation to the license system, and non-American in spirit, and pledge ourselves to its defeat.

10. We are grieved at the action of those political parties, which dared not to commit themselves on this great question.

11. That we pledge our *unqualified* support to the dry amendment brought forward by the Anti-Saloon League, and *urge* all our constituency to support it at the coming election.

And furthermore, urge the support of all candidates for public office, who are courageous enough to declare themselves in favor of the dry policy both State and national.

12. We are delighted with the signs of the unifaction of the temperance forces, which promises to furnish the necessary power to crush forever the infamous liquor business.

That we rejoice in the progress of the sentiment in favor of equal suffrage that we unite our efforts to bring about the desires of their hearts and promise our support in every way.

J. W. FLORY.
Committee.

REPORT No. 43—CONFERENCE RELATION—SUPPLEMENTAL.

Rev. U. B. Brubaker, a member of the Allegheny, appeared before the Committee on Conference Relations, and asked to join the Miami Annual Conference subject to his transfer. His Conference will not meet until September 16.

Brother Brubaker is an ordained elder. We therefore recommend he be received subject to his transfer.

Signed,
Committee.

REPORT No. 44—RESOLUTION ON STARTING NEW CHURCHES.

In response to the request of the Council of the Federation of Churches of Cincinnati and vicinity, I move that this Conference advise any persons who may be interested in starting missions within the boundaries of the Federation, and having in view the organization of new churches of our denomination, to be governed in the matter by the advice of the County Committee of the Federation.

W. K. KLINEFELTER.

REPORT No. 46—STATIONING COMMITTEE.

C. W. Kurtz, Superintendent.

Arcanum—G. T. Powell.

Bowlusville—E. Haerr.

Beavertown—J. Albright.

Brookville—E. E. Saul.

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Beardshear—O. F. Bilger.

Cincinnati—

College Hill—B. F. Martin.

Clifton—Calvin McNelly.

Cherry Grove—E. C. Cool.

Cheviot—E. S. Comrey.

Willey Memorial—W. H. Klinefelter.

Norwood—In care of Conference Board.

Colerain—J. H. Mayne.

Dayton—

Belmont—G. R. Strayer.

Carrmonte—O. F. Bilger.

Cowden Memorial—J. H. Dutton.

Euclid Avenue—A. R. Clippinger.

East Dayton—S. E. Rasey.

First Church—J. G. Huber.

Fairview—G. F. Bauer.

Ft. McKinley—C. E. Hetzler.

High Street—U. B. Brubaker.

Hartford Street—W. C. Niswonger.

Home Avenue—J. W. Flory.

Kingsville—C. E. Rettew.

Miami Chapel—O. O. Arnold.

Oak Street—Ira Warner.

Olivet—Ray E. Pennick.

Eaton—D. R. Wilson.

Eldorado—E. S. Weimer.

Englewood—W. H. Smelker.

Germantown—J. E. Yingling.

Greenville—W. M. VanSickle.

Hamilton—J. W. Kilbourn.

Harrison—Walter Van Saun.

Ithaca—M. I. Comfort.

Lewisburg—W. T. Frank.

Liberty—J. A. Pantle.

Lockington—F. H. Linville.

Miamisburg—W. I. Underwood.

Middletown—J. M. Replogle.

Millville—Norman Bevis.

Mt. Healthy—R. M. Fox.

New Hope—E. P. Huddle.

Pleasant Hill—E. P. Huddle.

New Haven—O. D. Welbaum.

Newport—G. A. Wahl.

New Madison—F. H. Bohn.

North Bend—W. C. Andreas.

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Otterbein—A. Barnhardt.
Piqua—C. B. Boda.
Potsdam—W. H. Smelker.
Pyrmont—J. A. Armstrong.
Rossburg—C. E. Plack.
Rosewood—M. F. Hawley.
Salem—I. Zimmerman.
Savona—M. O. Stein.
Springfield—
 Lagonda Avenue—J. J. Mullaney.
 Columbus Avenue—Maude Hoyle.
Sulphur Grove—W. G. Shaffer.
Springboro—C. W. Loomis.
Utica—Oregonia—C. W. Loomis.
Union City—C. W. Stephens.
Union Circuit—Frank Johannes.
Vandalia—A. Bittner.
Waterhouse—Virgil Mayne.
West Elkton—C. W. Snyder.
Wagner—George Deck.
Aley—V. Thompson.
Yorkshire—J. L. Armstrong.
Otterbein Home—J. R. King.
Conference Evangelist, Allen Dunkelberger.
G. M. Mathews, Bishop Central District.
H. H. Fout, Bishop Northwest District.
C. J. Kephart, Bishop Southwest District.
J. P. Landis, president Bonebrake Theological Seminary.
D. E. Myers, chaplain National Military Home, Marion, Indiana.
Charles F. Myers, professor in Brookville, Ohio, High Schools.
H. A. Sechrist, field agent, Otterbein Home.
E. H. Caylor, secretary, Children's Home Society, Ohio.
W. J. Pruner, pastor, Northern Illinois Conference.
Walter Sinks, missionary to China.
Ruth E. Hemphill, evangelist.

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C. W. Kurtz, Dayton, Ohio.
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